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New book recounts Telstar grad's ordeal as hostage of Angola rebels

I had just passed through the third village en route to the airport. I might have been three-fourths of a mile past when I saw a bus stopped in the middle of the road on the crest of the next hill. I passed half a dozen military and slowed down before going around the bus, but I never got around the bus.

Just before I got to the bus all hell broke loose with military coming out of the grass all around me. Automatics were rapping out a cadence, and in the blink of an eye, I was surrounded, looking down two AK-47s in front and a grenade launcher at the passenger window.

I realized my hands were up by my head, and I wasn't dead yet, so I must be doing something right. One AK jumped in the driver's side, and the grenade launcher jumped in the passenger side along with another AK, and I was shoved in the middle.

By MICHAEL DANIELS

So begins Brent Swan's account of "Day One" in his 61 days of captivity by Angolan rebels.

Swan is the son of Hugh and Denise Swan of Locke Mills and a 1977 Telstar graduate.

He was abducted on Oct. 19, 1990, by members of FLEC (Front for the Liberation of the Enclave of Cabinda).

Cabinda is a detached, oil-rich province of Angola, bordered on the west by the Atlantic Ocean.

Swan, an aircraft mechanic, was working there for a company that provided helicopter transportation services for oil-drilling operations.

Following his capture, the FLEC rebels held Swan at camps in the bush.

He was reasonably well treated, and eventually released, a week before Christmas, physically unharmed.

'Two Moons in Africa'

Swan's captivity and its aftermath are the subjects of a new book, "Two Moons in Africa: Barbara and Brent Swan's story of terrorism," by Patricia Camburn Behnke.

His account above of Day One is from a journal he began 26 days into his captivity.

Such accounts make up much of the first part of Behnke's book, as do notes kept by his wife, Barbara, and his sister, Melanie Ellsworth of

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PHOTO OP WITH HOSTAGE—Brent Swan, in 1990, flanked by a group of FLEC leaders. The rebel group, fighting for the independence of the Angolan province of Cabinda, had a reputation for non-violence, and on Swan's release gave him photos taken during his 61 days of captivity. Throughout that time, however, the Locke Mill's native did not know if he would live or die at their hands.

Sunday River Road upgrades, repairs eyed

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Monday began prioritizing sections of the Sunday River Road for upgrade work this year.

The board kicked off its 2010 municipal budget-building with a preliminary discussion on how much to spend on roads.

Last year's expenditures totaled $175,000, most of it going to fix the Eames Bridge on the Branch Road.

This year selectmen anticipate fixing the Chase Hill Brook Bridge, another bridge on the same road.

In addition, Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney recommended four sections of the Sunday River Road, starting at the intersection with the Monkey Brook Road, be considered for improvements.

Bonney said the section from the intersection to Artists Bridge needs to have the slope of the crown made more level (shimmed) and have two "humps" leveled. Guardrail is also needed along a portion.

Selectman Steve Wight asked if a bike lane that currently runs along the road south of the intersection could be extended as part of the improvements.

"As long as the right of way allows it," said Bonney.

Just past Artists Bridge, the dirt Roderick Road joins the Sunday River Road. The grade of the dirt road near that intersection should be improved, Bonney said.

Some of the gravel removed from the humps on the SR Road could be used on the Roderick Road, he said.

Continuing up the Sunday River Road, the curved section between Roderick Road and a residential driveway should be shimmed, Bonney said. Culvert work, ditching, utility pole removal, new

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SAD44 files suit against Woodstock oil dealer

By ALISON ALOISIO

A lawsuit filed by SAD44 against the Woodstock Oil Co. for failure to deliver oil as agreed in a 2005-2006 contract is "a last-ditch effort" following unsuccessful attempts to reach another solution, according to the attorney representing SAD44.

According to a complaint filed Dec. 4 in Oxford County Superior Court, in June of 2005 SAD44 entered into a contract with Baker-Doucette, Inc. d/b/a Woodstock Oil Co. to buy heating oil for the subsequent school year.

The district pre-bought 85,000 gallons at a price of $1.539, to be delivered as needed through the year.

But during the course of that year, according to the complaint, Woodstock Oil stopped delivering, and failed to deliver 11,407 gallons that had been pre-purchased.

As a result SAD44 "was forced to purchase heating oil for its schools and other buildings, at a replacement cost of $2.428 per gallon, at a cost of $27,697.31," the complaint said.

The complaint charges breach of contract and unjust enrichment, and asks for a judgment at trial in favor of SAD44, "plus interest and costs, including attorney fees and such other relief the Court deems just."

Attorney Jeffrey Piampiano of Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon of Portland said Monday an unsuccessful attempt had been made on behalf of SAD44 "to reach out to find a solution," but when

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BLUE MOON, MARSHMALLOWS WELCOME 2010—After the annual Chinese Dragon parade in Bethel New Year's Eve, several dozen children who served as the dragon's feet gathered outside the Moses Mason House to roast marshmallows. Here, Dragon Parade organizer Gary Inman stokes the fire as his daughters, Ani (left) and Caili look on. Above, the December blue moon peeks through clouds that provided intermittent light snow through the evening. More NYB photos, Page. 6. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

Before Les, four from here ran, one served

By ALISON ALOISIO

Les Otten of Greenwood is one of six GOP candidates for governor in 2010.

He is also the fifth candidate in the past 140 years from the Bethel area to run for the office.

A Woodstock selectman

One was elected three times.

Sidney Perham of Woodstock, born in 1819, was elected as a Republican in 1870, 1871 and 1872, according to Stan Howe, associate director of the Bethel Historical Society

In those days the governor's position was voted upon every year.

A Gould Academy graduate, Perham worked as a teacher and a temperance organizer, and served on the Board of Selectmen.

"He was a Democrat until 1853," said Howe, when he changed his party allegiance.

He served in the Maine House of Representatives, where he was Speaker of the House for a time.

Perham also served in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was known as a supporter of Reconstruction during the Civil War, and voted for the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson, Howe said.

Perham died in 1907 and is buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Woodstock.

Edwards and Thurston

Two Democrats from Bethel also aspired to be Maine's governor, but were not as successful as Perham.

In 1886 Col. Clark Edwards,

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Easements acquired on Stowe Mt. and Robinson Peak parcels

The Trust for Public Lands announced Monday that more than 10,000 acres of land on Stowe Mountain and Robinson Peak, in Newry and Riley Township, have been protected.

In a prepared statement, TPL said that conservation of the properties, both of which had been identified as priorities by the State of Maine's Bureau of Parks and Lands, staves off development threats, ensures continued sustainable harvesting, protects important forest habitat, secures permanent public access, and protects the Grafton Loop Trail corridor linking to the Appalachian Trail.

Gov. John E. Baldacci said, "One of the most important legacies we are leaving for future generations is the permanent conservation of land. The hard work of many people and the generosity of major donors has expanded protection near Grafton Notch, one of Maine's gems."

At the request of the State of Maine's Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL), the Maine office of TPL, a national conservation organization, facilitated the purchase of a conservation easement for 3,363 acres in Newry, adjacent to more than 33,000 acres of public

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Letters

CAPITALISTIC CHOLESTEROL

To the Editor:

In the year 1929, due to prolonged and rampant capitalistic impropriety, this nation suffered a major economic stroke. An immediate program of economic rehabilitation was undertaken and the nation and the economy survived. From that time till this, as a result of the excessive indulgences of the financial institutions and the spasmodic convulsions of Wall Street, the country has experienced numerous mini strokes.

Most recently, consequent to the uninhibited glut of Wall Street and the financial institutions, the country has once again suffered another major economic stroke. This time there is potent impedance to any attempt at rehabilitation. One whole segment of the political spectrum seems to be irrevocably dedicated to the preservation of the economic ideology that sponsored the present day economic calamity.

Like in a human body, if drastic rehabilitation measures are not undertaken and adhered to, to minimize the capitalistic cholesterol, another major stroke is imminent, and the next time it will more than likely be fatal.

Don Chase
Bethel

AUTISM WEBSITE

To the Editor:

We now have a website you can go to so you can sponsor/donate/give gifts for raffles for the Autumn Ride for Autism, which is a great site. You can also download registration forms for the ride or get sponsors for the ride. Soon there will be a Pay Pal account added. I hope all of you will join in to help us raise money for our children with Autism. Please come and join the fight to help our children.

There is also a dance that the American Riders are putting on in Rumford at the American Legion on March 13, 2010. The MONSTA band will be playing and funds raised will help with the money needed to make the Autumn Ride for Autism a success. Thank you all for caring; remember it's all about Love, Faith, Hope. Here's our website, thanks to Computer Solutions, www.unlockingautism-me.org. FMI: call 836-2055 (home), (936) 346-1818 (cell), write to 6 Liberty Lane, Bethel, e-mail tabaithasteward@aol.com or tabaitha.steward.me@unlockingautism.org.

Tabaitha Steward
Maine State Rep. for Unlocking Autism

FLIK SCHOOL THANKS

To the Editor:

The folks at Flik Independent Schools in Bethel would like to give our heart-filled thanks to Gordon and Beverly Brown, Julia Williamson, Gert Friel, Fred Johnson, Susan Ellis, Doris Fraser, and Richard Baumgartel.

A special thanks to our staff: Brain, Lorraine, Tracy, Edleen, Jane, Connie, Nancy, Carolyn, Randy, Larry, and Mike. Telstar students: Katelyn Sumner, Jordan Cole, Jillian Rice, Regan Souve, Sean Baumgartel.

Thank you to all for your kindness and your time.

Leslie Baumgartel
Bryant Pond

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS THANKS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Rotary Club would like to thank the many individuals and businesses that contributed to this year's successful Christmas For Children program. Thanks to the generosity of our many donors, the club was able to provide assistance for nearly 190 children during the holiday season. Over $14,000 was raised in just under seven weeks.

During these difficult economic times, the club appreciates the fact that many people continue to support this important cause.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2010!

Dave Murphy
Chairman, Bethel Rotary Club Christmas For Children

WINTER BRINGS INCREASED MENINGITIS RISK

To the Editor:

In April 2006 our family suffered a tremendous loss — our son died as a result of meningococcal meningitis. As a family that has tragically been affected by this disease, we have made it our mission to help educate others about the importance of its prevention.

This winter, while many in our community are focused on influenza prevention, it is important that parents also know about meningococcal disease. Although the disease can strike anytime, late winter and early spring is peak season. I am part of the National Meningitis Association's (NMA) Moms on Meningitis (M.O.M.s) program, and we are urging parents to protect their families from meningococcal disease before peak season begins.

Preteens and adolescents are at a greater risk for meningococcal disease, but the majority of these cases can potentially be prevented through vaccination. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends meningococcal vaccination for all preteens and teens 11 through 18 years of age and college freshmen living in dormitories.

Sometimes, the early symptoms of this disease can be mistaken for flu; however, it can quickly become life threatening, making prevention critically important. With students home for winter break, now is an optimal time for parents to schedule an appointment with their healthcare provider to get their children vaccinated.

For more information about meningococcal disease and prevention please visit NMA's website at www.nmaus.org but more importantly, help us spread the word about this devastating disease and the importance of immunization.

Jeri Brooks Greenwell
Bethel

CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES THANKS

To the Editor:

Where to begin with our Thank You! Again this year we have had help from so many people it is hard to name them all. The Roxbury ATV Trail Mixers started in July, then we had Pleasant Valley Grange, American Legion Jackson-Silver Post 68 along with the Auxiliary help us have a benefit bingo on Dec. 4, Rooster's Road House, W.J. Wheeler, Maine Line Products, Funky Red Barn, Bonnema Store and most of all Maine Street Realty & Rentals for allowing us to collect and distribute from their office. There are so many individuals it would be hard to name them all, but please know that we do appreciate all that our community does to make this happen. It is wonderful to see how the community helps this time of year. In the past we have helped some families that were able to help this year.

Christmas for Families volunteers try to help as many children of all ages as possible, as well as their parents (in SAD44 district). We know that this is a stressful time for all of us with the gas, oil and unsure times. With the help of the community we are able to assist 200 children already in 76 families in 2009; we expect the need to be even greater this year before we are done, as we have been known to pack right up to Christmas Eve.

For us as well as so many others Christmas is a time for giving and being happy, so we hope you know that is what we want for all of you.

Nina Wheeler
Director, Christmas for Families

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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Hostage

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Greenwood.

There are also letters.

Throughout his captivity, the rebels allowed Swan to remain in written contact with his family, but as negotiations for his freedom drew on, his increasing frustration was becoming evident.

In her last letter before his release, Melanie wrote:

You sound very angry, and I don't blame you. I think anyone would feel like you do in your situation. There has been lots and lots of talk and little action, at least as far as you're concerned. We are told that things are being settled little by little. It's not fast enough, but you will handle it because you have to, for your own sake. You're going to have to draw on strength you never knew you had. It's there, Brent, dig deep and find it. I won't pretend to know how hard it is for you. ...

Trust yourself, your feelings are normal. You've done well to stay patient this long. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. We've seen it. Every day brings you one day closer to your release. Take it one day at a time and feel good as each day passes that it is one less you are still going to have to get through. ...

We are anxiously awaiting your return. It is coming. Hang in there. Cry, scream, rant, and rave if it helps, but please don't do anything to put yourself in greater danger.

We love you and want you home.

Reliving the ordeal

Swan's time as a hostage lasted two months, but the effects of the ordeal linger nearly two decades later.

Both he and Barbara still struggle with the depression and anger associated with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"We're still seeing a therapist," Brent said Tuesday from the couple's home in Chiefland, Fla.

And almost a dozen years after his release, the progress they had made in putting the pain behind them took an abrupt back step.

In July 2002 the rebel leader involved in Swan's captivity was arrested abroad and taken to Washington, D.C. for trial.

Swan was subpoenaed to testify against him.

"After the actual hostage taking we had pretty much gotten the after effects under control," Swan said.

"But when the arrest came and they started asking a bunch of questions, it pulled me back into it all again.

"Going through the whole trial thing 11 years later, that was the thing that really hurt."

And there are three more rebel leaders still being sought.

"It's like a rock hanging over my head," Swan said. "They could pull another one in and put me through the whole thing again."

Copies of "Two Moons in Africa" are available from Melanie Ellsworth (665-2823).

Road work

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guardrail and paving are also needed.

Another section in front of a home in the same area needs ditching work soon, Bonney said, because drainage water sometimes spills over onto the road.

Farther north on the road, the dirt section from Nordic Knoll to the Riley Township line needs reditching and culvert work.

Work north

Because more of the road's traffic occurs on the southerly part, selectmen said, work should begin there and move north.

They tentatively agreed to recommend the first section and Roderick Road projects take place together, in order to use the gravel removed from the humps to add to the Roderick Road.

But because of the spillage problem farther up the road, they tagged that section as next in priority.

The board also asked Town Administrator Loretta Powers to obtain an estimate for the Chase Hill Brook bridge work, to help them decide if the roadwork would fit within a reasonable overall road improvement budget.

The board next meets Jan. 19.

Suit

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that failed, the lawsuit was filed.

An e-mail request for comment to the attorney representing Woodstock Oil was not returned.

Rumford suit

According to an article in the Dec. 31 Sun Journal, the case is similar to one filed last year against Woodstock Oil by the town of Rumford.

The company's supplier reportedly went into bankruptcy in March of 2006, and Woodstock Oil was unable to continue to supply its customers at the agreed-upon rate.

Most customers agreed to receive additional fuel at no cost to make up the difference between pre-payments and the amount of fuel delivered, according to the article.

Rumford also accepted oil but also received a cash settlement, and the suit was dismissed.

Candidates

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a Civil War hero, ran against Republican Joseph Bodwell and was defeated, 68,850 to 55,259, Howe said.

Edwards, born in 1824, was in the lumber contracting business in Bethel.

A member of the 5th Maine Regiment in the Civil War, Edwards was also a member of the state's commission on monuments, according to Donald Bennett, who writes The Bethel Journals online and is a town correspondent for the Bethel Citizen.

Edwards died in 1903. His funeral in Bethel was attended by a well-known Civil War hero and Maine governor, Joshua Chamberlain.

In 1932, another Bethel Democrat and lumber businessman, Paul Thurston, ran in a large primary field and finished second.

Thurston finished second to Louis Brann, 11,729 to 6,085.

Thurston (1887-1963) owned J.A. Thurston Co.

The final area man to seek the office of governor, Henry Boyker, garnered the fewest votes of all.

Born in 1879, he ran in the general election of 1952 but only received 1,639 votes, Howe said.

He was a Republican who served in the state Legislature, but he ran for governor as an Independent.

Boyker was also a Spanish-American war veteran.

He operated the Bethhaven Inn, which is now the Norseman Inn. He died in 1961.

Most from the coast

Howe said that through Maine history, more candidates for governor have come from the coastal area than other regions, possibly because coastal residents have generally been more economically successful and able to seek the office.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Cold temperatures and lack of snow brought skaters out onto area lakes in large numbers. The Warden Service was urging recreationists to us caution on the ice.

Businessman and inventor Otto Wallingford, a co-founder of Lost Valley Ski Area and developer of a machine that revolutionized snow grooming, died at the age of 76.

An Eagle Court of Honor was held for Adam Tanguay at the West Parish Congregational Church.

Births: Natalie Sierra Dyer, Savannah Marie Waite.

Deaths: Marion E. Paquette, Cornelius "Neil" Merrill, Irving Hemingway, Helen G. Remsen.

20 years ago: Maurice and Donna Miller were the new owners of the Ring Down Deli on Route 26, in Bryant Pond.

Lester Bailey of Andover was named to the Oxford County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Three members of the Gould Academy cross-country ski team qualified for the World Team Trials in biathlon skiing at Lake Placid.

Births: Gavin Roddy Broomhall, Stephen Willis Penney, Cody Ross McPherson.

Deaths: Ralph E. Remington, Evelyn H. Corbett, Erma M. Buckley.

30 years ago: Maine's ski touring centers remained snowless, but Grafton Notch had received enough snow to make its logging roads and back-country fields attractive to Nordic skiers

Many people were enjoying the skating on Songo Pond.

Guitarist and singer Frank Pratt of Mechanic Falls provided the afternoon program for the Bethel Senior Citizens meeting.

Deaths: Morris S. Vail, Miss Mabel V. Shaw, Mrs. Eva L. Chenery.

40 years ago: The circa 1860s Chapman Homestead in Gilead, owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McCoy, was destroyed in a Christmas Day fire.

Birth: Deanne Marie Bangs.

Deaths: Mrs. Isabella D. Brooks, Mrs. Margaret A. Hall, Joseph L. Spoffard, Avar Jarvenpaa, Wade L. Robertson, Mrs. Jennie L. Judkins.

50 years ago: A 1957 pink and white Pontiac owned by Larry Davis, A&P Store manager, was stolen from its parking place at the side of the store building.

Deaths: Clarence E. Cole, Lewis V. Merrill.

60 years ago: Henry Boyker of Bethel, Nicholas Morrison of Rumford, and Carlton Fuller of Buckfield announced their candidacy for Republican nomination as state Senators.

Death: Robert William Jameson.

70 years ago: Governor Lewis Barrows and Congressman Ralph O. Brewster announced candidacy for Republican U. S. Senate nomination.

The Aeronca plane owned by Edwin Brown was damaged in landing at West Bethel field when it hit a timber turning the plane through a fence.

Deaths: Mrs. Wealthy Ames, Walter Rowe, Charles T. Powers, Mrs. Celia Wight, Thomas W. Vashaw, Frank Learned.

80 years ago: Dave Fieldman of Albany, N.Y. bought the Bethel fruit store of S. Jacobson, known at Sam's Fruit Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilson Burk celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Deaths: Leroy E. Vail, Major John M. Gould, Mrs. Sally McAllister.

100 years ago: Bethel Grange 56 on Spring Street was papering and painting the interior of their hall and installing electricity.

E.J. Hadley showed his motion pictures in Eden [must be Odeon] Hall under the auspices of the Methodist Church.

Bethel Water Company held its annual stockholders' meeting with Enoch Foster elected as president and A. E. Herrick as secretary/treasurer and Tom Hastings as superintendent.

Marriage: Frederick Brundage and Mary Carter.

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Briefly

BPD public hearing Monday

BETHEL—A public hearing on the future of the Bethel Police Department will take place Monday, Jan. 11, at the regular selectmen's meeting, 7 p.m. in the Town Office. A special Town Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9, at which voters will decide if they wish to disband the department and contract with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department for police protection.

S.R. Charitable Fund donation

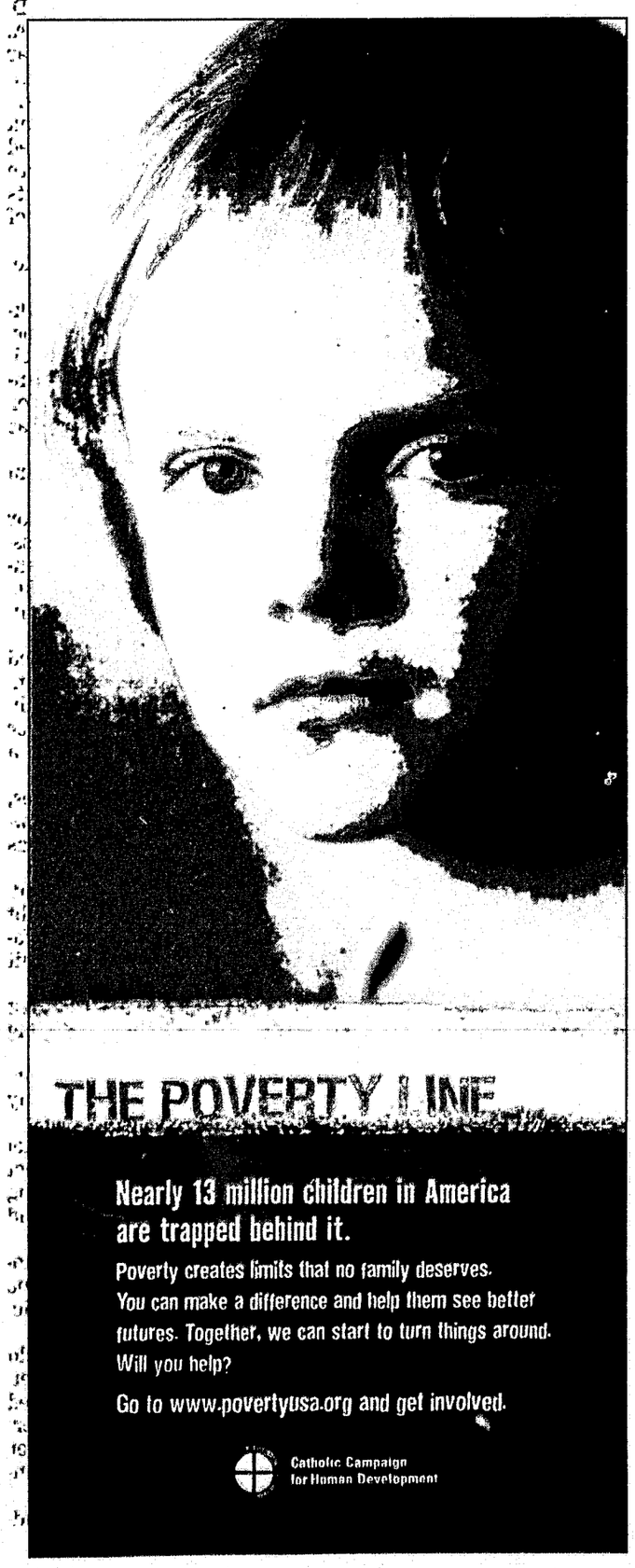
NEWRY—Sunday River Ski Resort has donated $13,685 to the Sunday River Region Charitable Fund thanks to the proceeds from its 50th-birthday celebration Dec. 19. The event included a food festival, fireworks and live entertainment. Within an hour of opening its doors, the resort sold well over 900 tickets valued at $15 for adults and $10 for kids. "Sunday River's 50th Birthday Party was possible thanks to the enormous support of our area businesses and restaurants," said Dana Bullen, general manager for Sunday River. "E- i donated their product and time to be part of the celebration and to be able to donate $13,685 back into the community is a sign of the event's success." Fifteen area businesses and restaurants including Gringo Harry's, The Matterhorn, Liam's Restaurant, S.S. Milton and The Phoenix House & Well set up food and drink stations throughout South Ridge Lodge to create an indoor food festival. Fire dancers and fireworks lit up the evening sky above, while live music by Dave Matthews' tribute band One Sweet World kept the party going well into the evening. The Sunday River Region Charitable Fund is a fund at the Maine Community Foundation and allocates money twice a year in April and October to cultural, community service and other organizations that request grants by submitting formal applications for specific projects. All requests to the Sunday River Region Charitable Fund must be submitted in writing by March 15 or Sept. 15 each year to the Secretary, Sunday River Region Charitable Fund, Sunday River, P.O. Box 4500, 15 South Ridge Road, Newry, ME 04261. For more information on the Sunday River Region Charitable Fund visit www.sundayriver.com. Tax-deductible contributions to the Sunday River Region Charitable Fund are accepted from the entire community. Community members may make contributions by check, payable to: MCF — Sunday River Region Charitable Fund, at Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605.

Legislature convenes

AUGUSTA— Despite a looming $438-million state budget shortfall, the Maine Legislature opened its 2010 session on an upbeat note Wednesday. As she welcomed lawmakers back to work, Senate President Elizabeth Mitchell reminded them that they closed a $900 million budget hole last session and, in her words, "did it on principle." The Vassalboro Democrat called for renewed bipartisan cooperation as lawmakers face a similar challenge this time. Senate Republican leader Kevin Raye of Perry voiced similar sentiments, and predicted "a difficult and challenging session" ahead. Gov. John Baldacci urged lawmakers to maintain the "tempo and tone" that got lawmakers through last year's session.

Elderly warned of phone scam

AUBURN—Auburn police say several residents of the Maine city have been targeted by a financial swindle by phone callers from Canada. The con has prompted police to warn seniors about those calls. In one case, a woman was called by a man claiming to be her son. The caller told her that he'd been in an accident in Canada and needed money to get home. He asked her to wire $2,350 to a location in Canada and told her to tell no one. Police say it's difficult to get your money back in phone scams. He advises seniors that if they hear lines like that, they should just say no thank you and hang up the phone.



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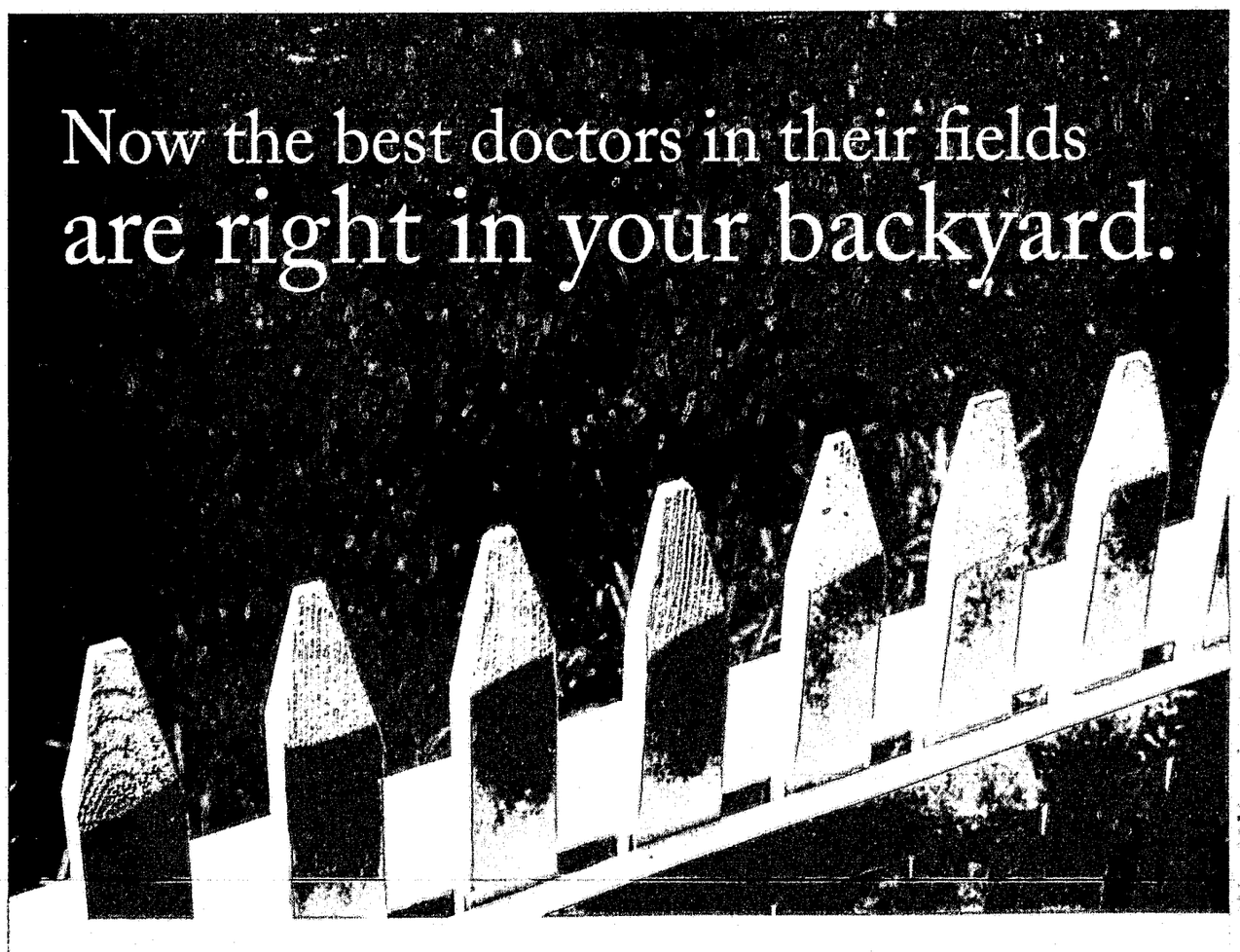

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Easements

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land including Grafton Notch State Park.

In Riley Township, west of Bethel, BPL received a donated conservation easement protecting 6,730 acres around Robinson Peak.

The donation was made by LBA Forest Stewardship Initiative, an investment company created by Lowell Blake and Associates, a Boston-based investment management company that specializes in ethical investments and has been involved in other Maine land conservation efforts.

The state of Maine recommended the Grafton Notch-Stowe Mountain property in Newry as a top U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy Program (FLP) priority in 2007 for funding consideration by Congress. With the support of U.S. Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins and Congressman Michael Michaud the project received $1.11 million in FLP funds. In addition to the federal funds, project partners secured nearly $700,000 in matching funds. This includes $196,800 from the Land for Maine's Future Program and a $500,000 contribution created as a result of TransCanada's Kibby Wind Power Project, a windpower generation project approximately 50 miles away.

Wolfe Tone, Maine state director for The Trust for Public Land, said, "The conservation easement on Stowe Mountain supports careful state stewardship of forested habitats, sustainable timber harvesting important for the local economy, vital watersheds, riparian habitat, scenic views, and public access for snowmobiling and trails. This is an extraordinary resource we needed to protect. We are fortunate to have assembled such a strong partnership capable of attracting the federal, state, and private commitments needed to make this success possible."

"When TransCanada makes decisions, we carefully consider the needs of the environment and the communities that are our neighbors," said Corey Goulet, vice president of Energy Projects. "We are very pleased to be a part of protecting special places, like the Mahoosucs, for future generations to enjoy."

Earlier in the year forest conservation efforts in the Mahoosucs' region were boosted by the donation of the Robinson Peak conservation easement in Riley Township, protecting 6,730 acres. The Robinson Peak property, visible from the Appalachian Trail, supports most of the upper watershed for Larry Brook — a popular trout-fishing destination — and conserves high-elevation forests.

'Both the Stowe and Robinson easements have been added to BPL's Mahoosuc Unit, and will be managed as sustainable working forests, ensuring public access and enhancing backcountry recreational opportunities for hiking and camping.'

Jim Lowell, a founder of Lowell Blake and Associates, stated that the Robinson Peak conservation easement donation was made possible because, "the firm's clients want their investments to serve as a positive force for conservation." The firm's previous timber investments in Maine also included extensive conservation measures that Lowell said, "demonstrate that you can make a profit from forest land investments while still managing the trees in a sustainable manner and protecting the land for the long-term."

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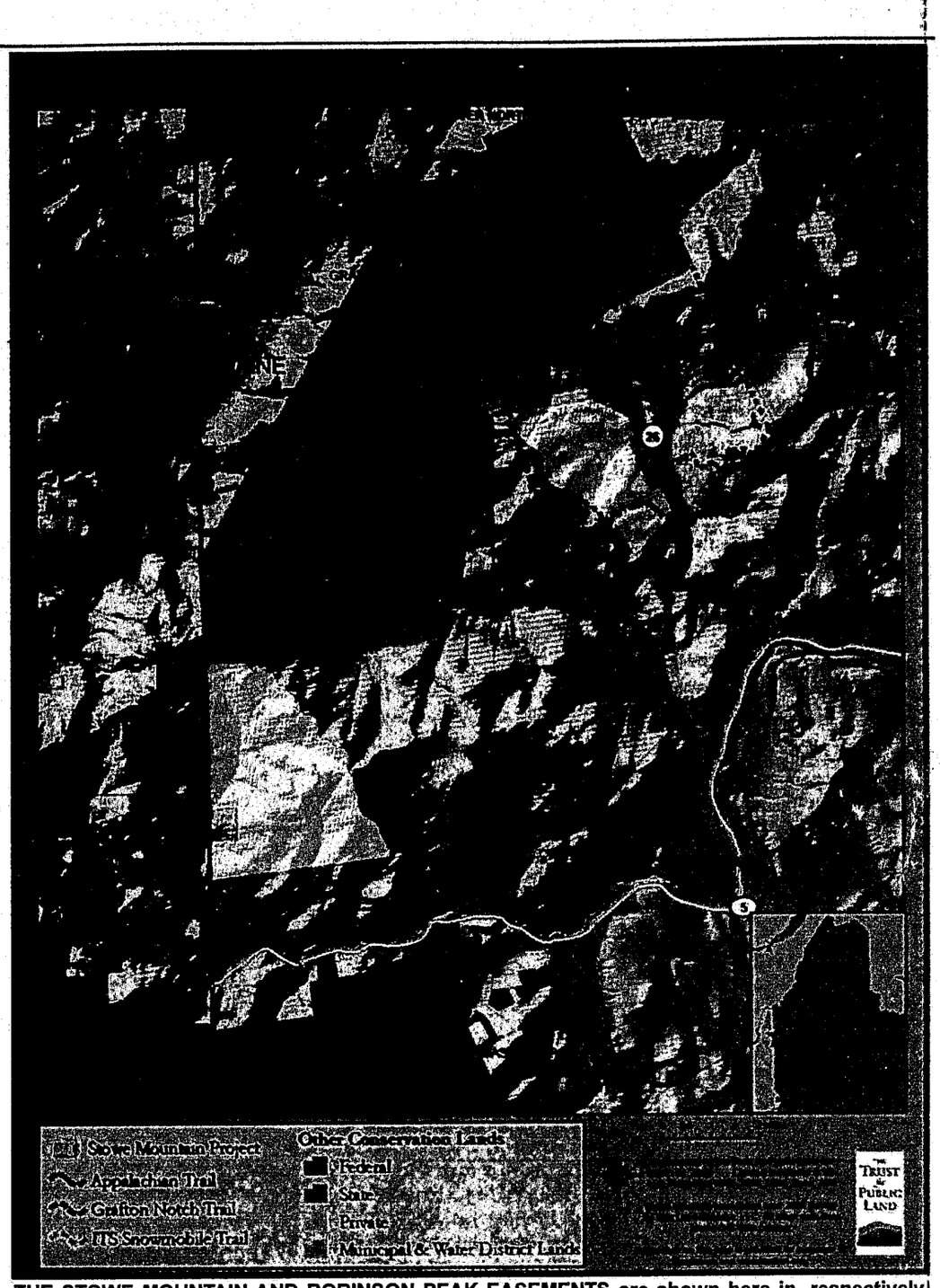
Alan Stearns, Deputy Director, Bureau of Parks and Lands, Maine Department of Conservation said, "It would be impossible for state government to have protected Stowe Mountain and the Grafton Loop Trail without the support of The Trust for Public Land and the United States Forest Service. The Robinson Peak easement represents one of the largest and most significant conservation contributions in recent times. The people of Maine are indebted to the generosity of the donors."

In Newry, plans for a 100-lot subdivision and more than 60 second-home lots have been approved for lands south and east of the protected property, respectively. This nearby development pressure made protection of the Newry property a priority for BPL, TPL, and local and regional stakeholders including the Town of Newry, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Mahoosuc Land Trust, Mahoosuc Guide Service, Maine Natural Areas Program, Appalachian Mountain Club, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust, Outward Bound School, and The Wilderness Society. Stakeholders feared that without a conservation solution, the land's timber resources were at risk to be liquidated and the land at risk to be divided and sold for subdivisions. Fortunately, the landowner was interested in pursuing a conservation solution.

Jim Mitchell, executive director, Mahoosuc Land Trust, said, "The Mahoosuc Region is a special place rich in natural resources and recreational opportunities. The two conservation easements strike a balance between the economic and recreational values of the region. Future generations will benefit from the working forest, recreational opportunities and open space protected by these projects."



THE STOWE MOUNTAIN AND ROBINSON PEAK EASEMENTS are shown here in, respectively, orange and lime green. The Stowe Mountain easement covers 3,363 acres, the Robinson Peak easement (labeled as "private" on the map legend), 6,730. *(Map: Courtesy of The Trust for Public Lands)*

The Grafton Notch-Stowe Mountain and Robinson Peak projects are part of a greater "Mahoosuc Initiative," a collaborative effort to conserve the recreational, scenic and economic values of this unique landscape. This Stowe Mountain property is adjacent to the 3,688-acre Grafton Notch Forest Legacy project that TPL helped protect in 2007. Now that the Stowe Mountain property is protected, the addition will provide a corridor for a new 4-mile extension and new access to the recently completed Grafton Loop Trail, which extends from the Appalachian Trail. The corridor has dramatic views of the Mahoosuc region from Stowe, Bald, and Sunday River White Cap mountain summits.

Bryan Wentzel, Maine Policy Manager for the Appalachian Mountain Club, said, "These projects represent another brick in building the region's tourism economy, as they secure permanent public access for the Grafton Loop Trail, an important new recreation destination in the Mahoosuc region."

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Happy New Year to one and all.

It's hard to believe that we have not only turned the calendar on another year, but on another decade as well. It seems like only yesterday we were concerned about Y2K and now our big concern is H1N1. Somewhere along the line we have stopped using full words. OMG!

Once again I did not make any New Year's resolutions because my past history of breaking them before the Christmas tree got yarded out of the house is legendary in my family. So rather than set myself up for family ridicule I just don't make resolutions anymore.

I always have hopes for the new year though and happiness, health and prosperity are at the top of the hope list. I hope to get a grip on my bad eating habits this year too. That's not a resolution to lose weight, but I do hope I find the strength to do so.

I hope I win the lottery, as do millions of other people. That hope goes unfulfilled year after year, but you just never know. People win lotteries all the time; maybe some day it will be me.

Another hope that I have for 2010 is that people will gain some parking lot manners. I know that sounds trite, but the things people do in store parking lots is becoming one of my pet peeves.

Take shopping carts for example. Most of the large department stores and supermarkets have designated areas where shoppers can put the carts after they have unloaded their purchases. Some people, not all, seem to think a vacant parking spot next to their vehicle is where the cart goes. This leaves no choice for the next parker but to get out and move the cart before they can park their car.

Needless to say, parking lot idiots really annoy me.

Some people, again, not all, seem to think the unloading zones in the handicap parking spaces are designated for them to dump their empty carts in too. This is especially vexing for me because when my husband, who is in a wheel chair is with me I use the handicap spot. I have a wheelchair accessible van so Henry can occasionally go shopping with me. It may come as a surprise to come people, but those spaces next to the handicap parking, the ones with the diagonally painted lines and the signs that say something like "Handicap Van Accessible" are not places to stash the darn empty shopping carts.

And that brings me to the people who are not handicapped, have no physical problems or are not 8 months pregnant parking in handicap spots because they are too darn lazy to walk from somewhere else in the parking lot.

There is a very good reason for handicap parking and it's not for the convenience of able-bodied people who think they're entitled to use them.

Wait, I'm not done yet, in fact I'm just getting started. Needless to say, parking lot idiots really annoy me.

The next form of parking lot rudeness I hope to see cleared up is clean up. There is no good reason for anyone to leave trash in a parking lot. All stores have trashcans and if they don't, take your darn trash home with you!

Why does anyone think that when they add oil to their engine that it's okay to throw the empty container on the ground? Why does anyone think that when they change their baby's diaper that it's okay to throw the poopy diaper on the ground? What ails you people???

Okay, I'm winding down now, but I think you get my point. It only takes a minute or two to put a shopping cart where it belongs. There is never a good reason to park in a handicap spot unless there is a handicapped person in the vehicle and what possible good reason can there be to throw trash on the ground.

I'm sure that no readers of this column are guilty of committing any of these parking lot crimes, but if they would just tell the guilty parties the way I see it, then I will have at least one hope of 2010 fulfilled.

Super Crossword

'They're Driven'

ACROSS
1 Din from dynamite
5 Iceberg kin
9 Exclude
13 Platonic character
18 South Seas novel
19 Steber solo
20 Iago or Othello
21 Alligator relative
22 Driven President?
25 Procure
26 "Rawhide" rope
27 Muslim deity
28 Select, with "for"
30 Pig — poke
31 Fluffy female
33 Driven novelist?
38 Might
43 Art deco designer
44 Caution
45 Rush
46 Son of Zeus
48 Big man on campus
50 Paris' pop
53 Driven humorist?
56 Shorten a skirt
58 Aquatic mammal
60 Trattoria treat
61 "L'—, c'est moi"
65 Longfellow subject
67 "Carmina Burana" composer
70 Take the tube
71 "Kidnapped" monogram
72 Prepares to dine
73 Part of EST
76 Driven actress?
80 Mushroom part
81 Meat cut
83 Thompson or Salonga
84 — breve
85 Barbecue
87 Pangolin, for one
89 Slender
90 Heel type
94 Mideastern pockets
95 Smidgen
97 Driven actor?
101 Terra —
103 Lauder powder
106 Garment feature
107 Accomplished
108 Time to evolve?
110 Valuable
112 Rite
115 Driven explorer?
118 Be in debt
119 "— Nidre"
120 Pallid
121 Victorian wit
125 At attention
129 Sheik spot
132 Driven rock star?
136 Real thing
137 Actress Skye
138 — mater
139 King or Satie
140 Gibbons of "Entertainment Tonight"
141 Rocker Rundgren
142 Parent
143 Dressing gown

DOWN
1 Piglet's papa
2 Prefix meaning "both"
3 Author Ephron
4 Mitch Miller's trademark
5 Remark from 31 Across
6 Role for Shirley
7 "Show Boat" song
8 It's often jumped
9 Chekhov's "The Cherry —"
10 — juice
11 Springfield's st.
12 Caruso or Corelli
13 Use a shuttle
14 Thwack
15 Monitor message
16 Contaminate
17 Moffo of the Met
21 Afternoon refresher
23 "Cactus Flower" star
24 Christen
29 Basilica bench
32 Richard of "Love Me Tender"
34 Hwy.
35 Beatles refrain
36 Cupid's missile
37 Legendary Colt Johnny
38 Have a ball at the mall
39 Buster Brown's dog
40 Some wines
41 Singing syllable
42 "— a Rebel" ('62 hit)
47 Sociologist Hite
49 Indira Gandhi's father
51 Tall story?
52 Maestro Zubin
54 Ike's domain
55 "Cheers" patron
57 Jazzman Davis
59 Kind of file
62 — wave
63 Mr. Rochester's ward
64 Electrical inventor
66 '68 US Open winner
68 Fedora fabric
69 Cut loose
73 Blow for a bounder
74 Pick-me-up
75 "Same here!"
77 Jeweler's weight
78 All legs
79 Suburban obsession
82 Tidy up
86 Ring counter
88 Philanthropist Brooke
91 Extinct bird
92 Prepare to bear it
93 Whirlpool
96 Poet in the past
98 Rapper Tone —
99 Scrape by, with "out"
100 Pianist Peter
102 Regardless
104 — Cruces, NM
105 Dense
109 — Na Na
111 Oklahoma city
113 Kind of pitcher
114 Lyricist Johnny
115 Mezzo Marilyn
116 Make one's day
117 Incompetent
119 Film critic Pauline
122 Inventive sort?
123 Take-out order?
124 Austen's Miss Woodhouse
126 Continental currency
127 Farm structure
128 Little guy
130 Show —
131 "Make — double!"
133 Milne creature
134 Remnant
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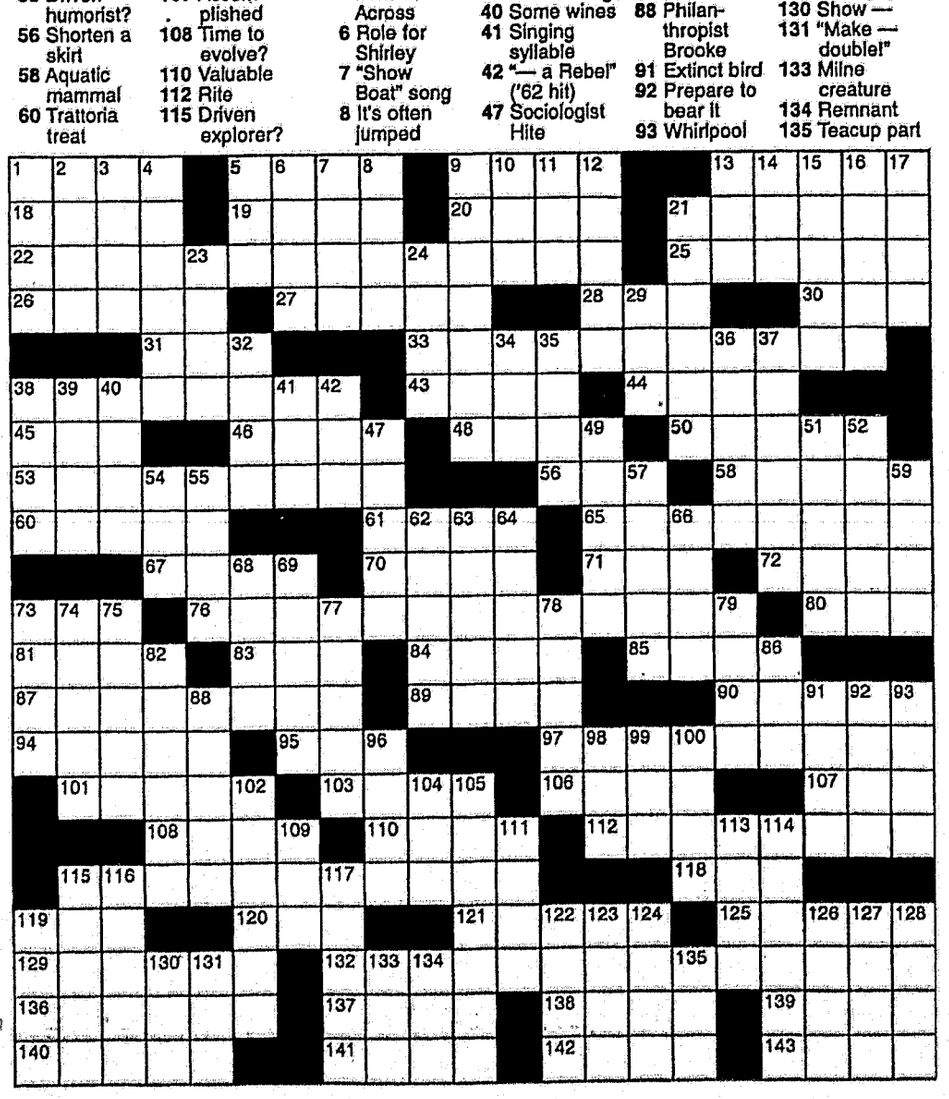

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Monday, Jan. 4

At 4:28 p.m. Officer George Gould was asked to conduct a welfare check by phone. He spoke with the subject.

Saturday, Jan. 2

At 1:30 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach received a report of three male subjects in a pickup truck stealing firewood from a location on the West Bethel Road. The tracks were found turning on to Barker Road, but the truck was not located. The complainant had interrupted the subjects during the theft. The driver was described has having dark hair and being in his mid-to-late 20s, possibly with a mustache.

At 9:15 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to Route 2 for a two-vehicle accident. There were no injuries.

At 11:31 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to the West Bethel/Flemming roads for a single-vehicle, property damage accident.

At noon Officer Crystal Aylward responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a problem with subjects trying to take their vehicles without paying, after they had been towed due to a parking ban. On arrival the subjects had paid and left.

At 9:37 p.m. Officer George Gould conducted a welfare check at a residence.

Friday, Jan. 1

At 1:45 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded to Cross Street to assist a driver of a public transportation vehicle. A passenger was so intoxicated he did not know where he was going. An acquaintance of the passenger was contacted by phone to come and get the subject.

At 2 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded to Railroad Street for a report of an extremely intoxicated subject on foot. By following footprints the officer determined the subject had made it home safely.

At 2:45 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach received a report of a vehicle off the road on West Bethel Road. The vehicle had inadequate tires. An intoxicated passenger wished to leave on foot. The driver then became unresponsive after apparently having a seizure, then regained consciousness. Bethel Rescue was called, but the subject refused examination. The officer planned to file paperwork on the driver for adverse driving, if the driver was not taking medication for seizures.

At 3:40 p.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a report of a vehicle off the road. The occupants were out of the vehicle when the officer arrived, and there were no injuries.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Jan. 5, 4:28 p.m.: Brady Wilson, 22, violation of bail conditions; by OCSD Cpl. Chancey Libby in Bethel.

Dec. 31, 12:14 p.m.: Ramon R. Rodriguez, 84, of Milton Plantation, criminal trespass, disorderly conduct; by OCSD Cpl. Brian Landis in Woodstock.

Bethel

by Nancy Brown

The New Year's weekend snowstorm was good news for winter sports enthusiasts. Some residents reported almost a foot of new snow. Ice skaters have been using the new ice skating rink located on Cross Street across from the Casablanca Cinema. The rink has a warming hut and plenty of parking.

The Carter's Cruisers cross-country ski group will meet Thursday, Jan. 7, at Carter's X-C Ski Center on Intervale Road. Each week the Cruisers will have a different cross-country tour, which will include pointers, natural history, and socializing. Participants should bring a sandwich and the center will provide drinks and other goodies. For more information, call 824-3880.

If outdoor sports are not your choice for winter activity, both T'ai Chi and Qigong classes are starting soon in the Bethel area. The classes are taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. Information is available in The Citizen's events calendar. To register, call Betsey at 875-2426.

Do you need warm winter clothing? Winter clothing for both children and adults is available at the District Exchange Community Thrift Shop. The District Exchange is located in Bethel at 21 Philbrook Street. The shop is open Monday from 1-4 p.m., Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The shop also accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition.

John and Susie Wight hosted a family gathering at their home on Intervale Road on Christmas Day. Gifts were exchanged and a delicious lunch enjoyed by Nate, Kate, and Addie Wight, Ruth Wight, Amanda Wight and Alon Rand, Danna and George Nickerson, and Phyllis Curceau.

Musa Brown visited her daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Bob Hickey, and her great-granddaughter, Tia Panico, in Shelburne, N.H., on Dec. 30. Tia was visiting from her home in Middleburgh, N.Y.

Do you have news? Send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call 824-2483.

Gilead

by Lin Chapman

It is a good thing that the snow has finally stopped. It was a little too much to put up with three days of snow falling. There was a lot of accumulation, but the wind really blew it around and made some deep drifts. Fred Corriveau, Gilead's highway commissioner, was busy. Every time he went home to take a break, something brought him back out.

At least, we did not lose the power like we did on Tuesday, the 29th. The power for Gilead village comes up the North Road from Bethel. The wind blew down a tree in the morning near Jeremy and Becky Morin's house and the power was out for several hours. It came back on around 4 p.m., and then there was another power outage when the wind took out another tree a little further down the North Road around 6:30 p.m. We were without power until around 11 p.m. that time.

My brother, Steve McLain, had a little help from his son, Brad, over the weekend. They had their hands full trying to keep the driveway free of snow. The wind really blows out where the end of his new driveway comes out onto Route 2.

We have had a few more birds at the feeder since the storm. Besides the regulars, there have been a few Juncos. The woodpecker really likes the homemade suet that we put out. The Chickadees are enjoying it, too.

I thought the bird of interest this week was going to be the Robin that I saw last Tuesday. Robins do stay around this area in the winter. The bird we saw on New Year's Day topped it. We just happened to look out the back kitchen window and noticed a large bird in a tree. We decided that it was an immature Bald Eagle. The bird did not have a white head, but they do not have one for the first few years. Over the next couple of hours, we kept checking and he was still there. We were watching when he finally spread his wings and took off. It was a pleasure to have him visit our back yard. The little birds or gray squirrels did not seem to mind that he was out there. There was a small bird that looked like a woodpecker that even lit on the branch near the eagle.

Comprehensive Planning Committee

The Comprehensive Planning Committee will conduct a Public Meeting on March 8 in the Town Hall starting at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments from the public on the draft plan. Copies are available for review in the Town Office. The committee is planning on having the final vote during the annual meeting on March 27.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

East Bethel

by Wally Ritz

Here it is 2010 and hope for all that this will be a good year. How about that snow we had starting in 2009 and then dragging on? Personally feel one good storm would have been better.

In the process of gathering the news I learned that years back they used to put up snow fences in order to cut down on the snow drifts in certain areas. What happened to this smart intervention?

So, on we go to the news I gathered. Jack and Tricia Chappi spent Christmas Eve with extended family while enjoying meat pies for supper. Tricia also went to the Bethel Alliance Church to attend a beautiful candlelight service. New Year's Eve, they were all at home with the kids and Tricia's dad having a great seafood chowder.

Donna Curtis has been babysitting Janie Knox's son, Kyle, since he was five months old and now he's in school and gets off the bus there still — how time flies!

As I am writing this there is a fundraiser going on for our local boy Jarrod Crockett at Tom and Marcy White's house for his next campaign.

Also have a reminder that on Jan. 8 there will be a Potluck Supper at 6 p.m. for the Alder River Grange members at Stan Howe's on Broad Street followed by the members meeting at 7 p.m.

Have a great week everyone and with news or info call me at 824-3220 or e-mail me han@megalink.net.

Upton

by Laurie Brown

The snow-laden mountains and trees are absolutely beautiful. Bob said he can appreciate that beauty more than he did when he worked in the woods.

We got about a foot of new, fluffy snow over the weekend. The Big Guy, who just turned 61 years old, does a great job pushing back the banks on our driveways and right-of-ways. Sorry, that's the only name I know him by.

There was no breakfast served at the Ladies Aid building on Sunday. Hopefully it didn't inconvenience too many folks. I doubt that it'll happen again — no matter what the weather or road conditions are.

If there are any snippets of news in and around Upton, call me at 533-2111 or e-mail meatlauriebrown400@gmail.com.

Hope you're all healthy and happy. Selah

West Paris

by Joyce Lamb

Greetings from Spokane, Wash., on a sunny, cool day in this new year. The first night out was spent in Portland, Maine in a motel. The plane to take daughter Wendy and me to Newark had mechanical troubles, so we were waiting from 2 to 7 p.m. before told we would not go. Early Tuesday morning we boarded a bus and went to Logan Airport in Boston, and by evening, the plane took off for the West Coast. We had planned to sleep going across the country. The plane was full, including two-dozen babies! Very little food was served. Reading and word puzzles took up the time.

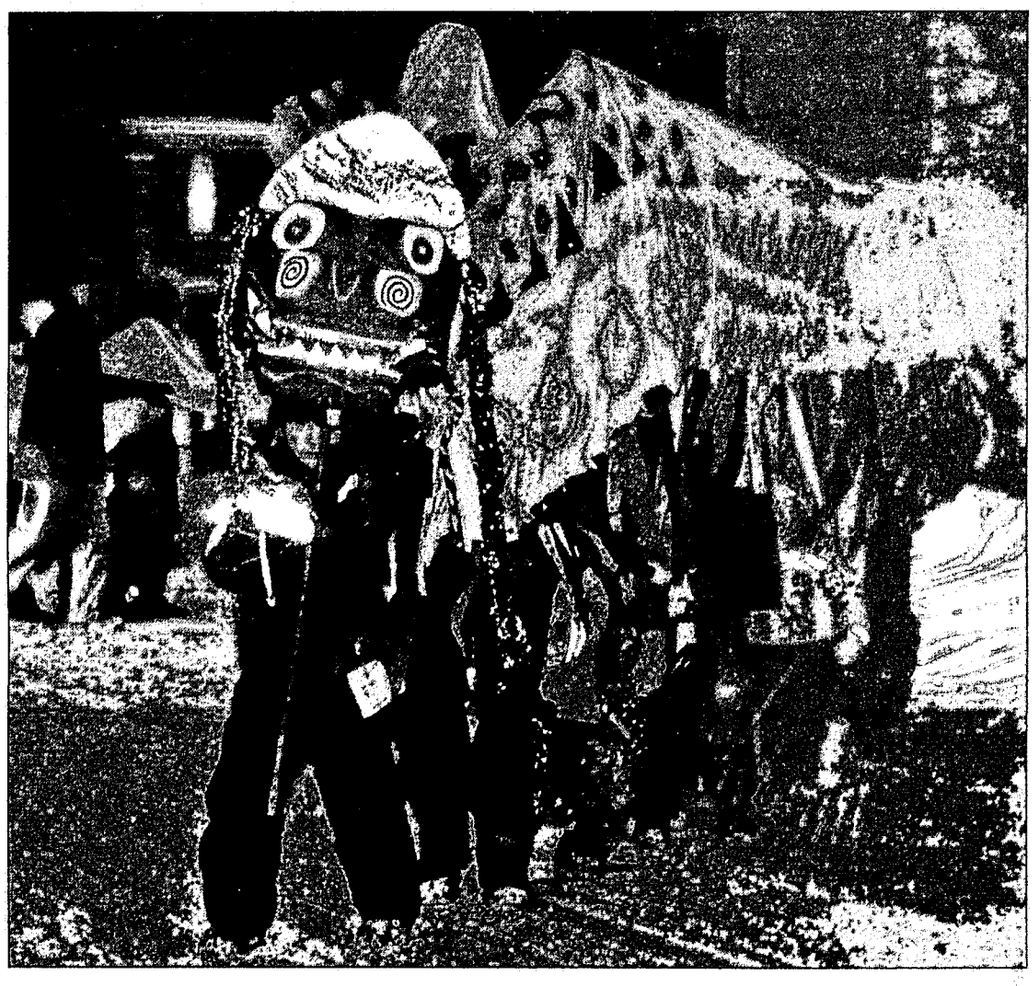
Portland, Ore., was nine hours away, and Wendy's husband, Bill Hayes, was waiting for us. It being so late, we spent another night in a motel. After sleeping late, we had a big breakfast to make up for missed meals. After leaving me at the airport, Wendy and Bill headed south to their home.

The plane to Spokane left at dusk. Son Allen and wife, Myrna, with grandchildren, Aaron and Amber, were there waiting. After stopping for groceries and dinner, I finally reached my destination. It is great to see the grandchildren while they're up visiting their parents, as they haven't been East for a few years. All are well and they have plenty of room for guests in their new house.

After a long night's sleep I was rested. We attended the Unitarian Universalist Ch ·ch here in Spokane. In the afternoon we walked in the Riverside State Park, across a long suspension bridge over the Spokane River. The temperature was near 40 degrees and pleasant. I am looking forward to exploring the area.

There is no cat here to sleep with me.

I hope Muffin is doing well and minding her manners while she visits with the Walton's two kitty cats.



NEW YEAR'S BETHEL—The New Year's Eve celebration at the Bethel Historical Society this year included candlelight tours of the Moses Mason House (above). Outside, a Chinese Dragon Parade circled the common (below), and afterward, the dragon's "feet" roasted marshmallows outside the Mason House (left). Other activities included performances by the Senior Players and the State Street Jazz Band, a singalong at Moses Mason, and bell ringing by the town clock at midnight.

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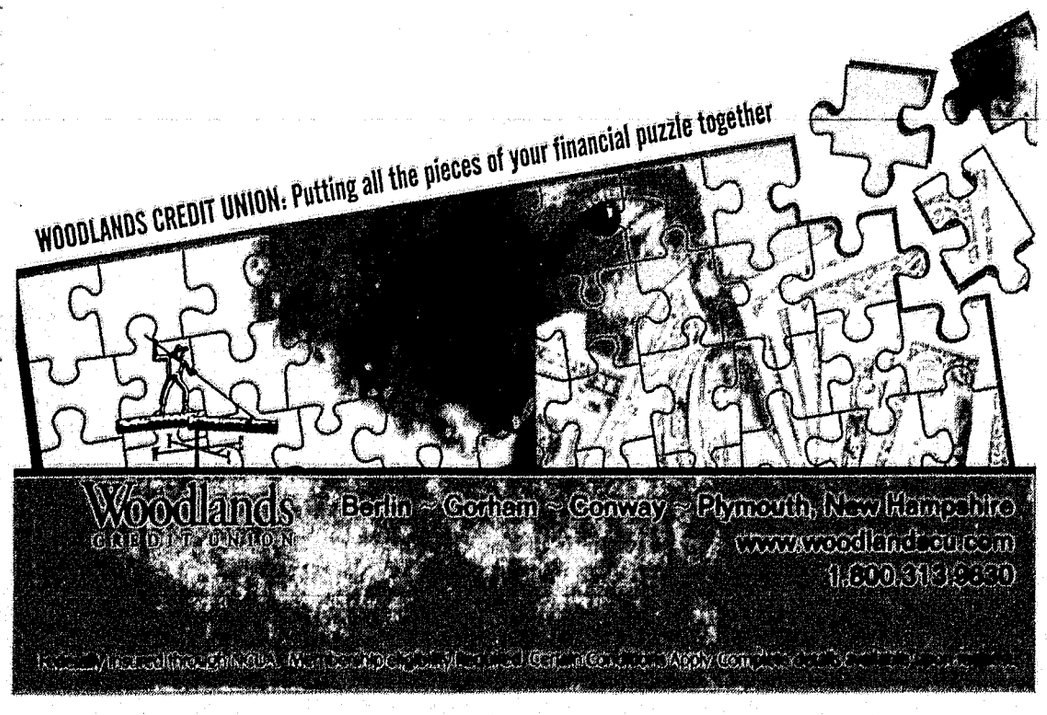

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Newry

by Sylvia Harrington

It sure was a quiet New Year's Eve in Bethel, I did not hear cars tooting horns or people on the streets greeting others and playing music.

Many people did not forget the fourth annual burning of Christmas trees, which took place at the Bear River Trading Post's lower field on New Year's Eve. Coffee was served and grills were set up for those who wished to prepare the food brought with them for the occasion. Doug told me there were many who joined in the festival, and he was pleased with the turnout. They still have Kinco insulated work gloves and warm outdoor wear. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

Many attended the January snowmobile meeting Sunday, the 3rd, at the Town Hall. Information regarding the WVSC trail conditions can be obtained by calling Leon Dunn at 824-3335, Ed Powers at 739-9618 or Brad Wight at 824-2288. Members are still working on trail clearing and cleaning of brush to have the trails in topnotch condition for riding. Lend a hand if that is an interest. Help is always appreciated. You may stop by the Town Office to get a list of club members and a season schedule of events from Dave Bonney.

My best to David and Rockie. I did not know until I read The Citizen on New Year's Eve that they had a very destructive house fire in Waterford the week of Christmas. What wonderful neighbors they have!

Kevin and Lynn Barry were at the Branch Road with friends from Cape Cod this past weekend. I'm sorry I did not get to see them.

to work at that hour — I say call in!

There will be a Flu Clinic at the Town Hall on Thursday (today), Jan. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. Both seasonal and the H1N1 vaccine will be available. For more information, contact the Town Office or Karen at 392-4031.

Nomination papers are available at the Town Office. There is a selectman position open and a school board position open. The papers must be returned with the proper signatures by Feb. 4 at noon.

Happy birthday this week to Sawyer Barter on the 7th, and Jewel Chase on the 9th. I missed last week's birthdays because I didn't have my Service Circle calendar up (actually I couldn't find it on my coffee table). But happy belated birthday to Ed Palmer!

The ice-skating rink is ready behind the fire station, there's been a few kids already using it. This nice brisk weather makes it nice.

AES fifth grade will hold a bottle drive Saturday.

NEW LEGIONNAIRE—American Legion Post 68 in Greenwood has a new member, John Lewis. He is the son of Norman and Eloise Lewis of Woodstock. John is a 2009 graduate of Telstar High School. He entered the Marines right out of school, went to Parris Island, So. Carolina for boot camp, Geiger for combat training and is now at 29 Palms, Calif., for Marine Corps communications electronics school. Here, Post Commander Wayne Hakala (right) and Vice Commander Al Lake present John with his 2010 Legion membership.

Andover

by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. How many of you enjoyed last weekend's lingering snowstorm? I must say we needed the snow, but... Saturday night I was coming home from working at about 11 and met four vehicles leaving Andover, and I thought "what in the world are you people doing out." The wind was blowing so that there were constant whiteout conditions. If you were heading

Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m.

Wednesday at 5:30 is youth group and 6:30 is prayer meeting. Jan. 9 is Men's Prayer breakfast at Pleasant Valley Church at 7 a.m. Jan. 11-15 are cottage prayer meetings, Jan. 19 at 6:30 is the annual business meeting, Jan. 21 at noon is senior's lunch, Jan. 30 at 9 a.m. is Ladies Bible Study.

The Ladies Breakfast will be held at the Fire Station on Jan. 9 at 9 a.m. This is a potluck breakfast with each one bringing a dish to share. Egg dish, muffins, coffee cake, fruit, juice, etc. Marybeth Hoover will be showing her art work and maybe tell of her missions trip to Papua, New Guinea the end of May. All ladies are invited to attend. There is no charge, but if you wish you may give a love gift to help Marybeth on her missions trip. For more information call Beth Hoover at 665-2171.

The Jan. 14 program at the Whitman Memorial Library will be Wayne Howe talking and showing slides of his riding the putt-putt cars on the railroad. This is on a Thursday at 2 p.m. All are invited, no charge and light refreshments.

Historical Society

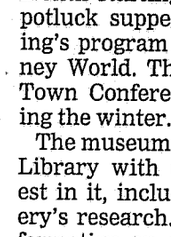
The Historical Society meets the second Saturday of each month starting with a 6 p.m. potluck supper. Jan. 9 meeting's program will be on Disney World. They meet at the Town Conference Room during the winter.

The museum has a Research Library with much of interest in it, including Ruby Emery's research. They have information on such houses as Birchmere, Birch Villa Inn and the Dream Home around the lake. They were part of the grand era in Woodstock history. They have collections of fine glass and china. Posters of events at the old Opera House. Many acts appeared there over the years. There are photos of both Mann's Clothespin Mill and Stowell's Spool Mill. Musical instruments that were used in Woodstock such as a piano, organ, drums and saxophone. So visit in the spring.

Curator Larry receives a regular newsletter from the Margaret Chase Smith Library.

The New England Cultural Center is open for all to visit. Larry Billings got a jeweled cross necklace for his Cultural Center. Do visit soon.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

I have to tell you about the most wonderful Christmas present that I have ever heard of. East Andover residents Bette and Foster Davis gave their daughter Ericka a barn for Christmas. Yup, a BARN! Ericka needed a new barn for her two horses, and mom and dad came through. I wonder how much paper they had to use to wrap it. Congrats Ericka, you have the very best parents, and the very best present!

On Jan. 8, Agnes and John Foster and Jean and Leon Lewis will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries. On Jan. 9, East Andover resident Sandy Wainwright will be celebrating her 21st birthday, well maybe it's her 22nd. Happy Birthday Sandy.

Wanda Coolidge is a very lucky person. She was coming home from work at Sunday River last Saturday night, and because of the horrid weather went off the road and almost turned over. Thank heaven her husband, Pete, was working in Bethel and was able to rescue her in a short time.

Kudos to librarian Janet Farrington for opening the library on Saturday. Almost every library in the state was closed because of the snow, but that didn't stop Janet.

I have just finished reading the new Sue Grafton book "U is for Undertow." It was a good read, and I recommend it. Beat ya to it Liz Bodwell! Grafton's first book was "A is for Alibi," and she continued on through the alphabet. I wonder what she is going to do after she finishes "Z."

Holiday visitors to East Andover included Linda and Adrian Parham, Greg and Martha Hall and their three children, Fisher, Shepherd and Maggie. The kids really enjoyed all the snow, but not the power outage.

The Andover Food Pantry's Volunteer Senior Citizens' lunch will be held at the CE Building at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Be there or be square.

The East Andover Community Club will welcome a new member at their February meeting. Sarah Thomas will be joining us. Sarah is a relative of the late Betty Moore and will be taking her place.

I want to thank Norma Farrington for her New Year's gift to me. She called me up and played my favorite Christmas carol "Grand Ma Got Run Over By A Reindeer." It was the only time I heard it this year. If you see Norma, don't, whatever you do, ask her about flying to Texas.

I spent part of my New Year's Eve watching "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince." It was one of my Christmas presents, and while it wasn't a barn it was a really good DVD. Next year I'm asking for a magic wand.

I am getting really sick of snow, left over turkey, snow, football, and only re-runs on TV and snow, brushing white stuff off my car, and snow. I know I live in Maine and it is January, but so what, I'm really, really sick of snow.

See 'ya.

Hanover

by Clem Worcester

What a miserable way to start off the New Year! Days on days it snowed. Then on Saturday the wind started in along with the snow. Trees blew down; doors blew off buildings and roads drifted. Plow snow, snow blow and shovel snow. Slick roads sent cars into ditches.

We extend sympathy to Wendell Easter due to the death of his brother, Ronald, on Jan. 2. Ronald lived in Mexico. He was 87.

Birthday greetings go to Ava Daye. She celebrated her third birthday Jan. 3 with an exuberant party.

Last Tuesday the Discovery Channel featured a story about Howe and Howe Technology of Berwick. Inventors Geof and Mike Howe, who are twin brothers, have invented manned and unmanned machines for use by the military and police. The brothers have local ties owning property in Hanover. A portion of the documentary was produced in the local area.

Anne Wheeler from Austin, Texas, was at the "House on the Hill" at Joe Russell Place during the holiday weekend.

Paul Kelly has been released from the hospital and continues to recover at home.

The Hanover Board of Select Persons will meet Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Hanover Town Office. Usually the board meets on the third Tuesday but the date needed to be changed due to conflicting events. The Town Office will be closed Jan. 18 because of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Waterford

by Rockie Graham

Hopefully, by the time you read this, our new temporary trailer will be on site and ready to go. The house roof looked almost ready to totally cave in and Service Master took all our things to clean them. They will not clean electronics nor my piano. They do not clean electronics. Bye Bye computer.

We are fast making lists of everything we had. That is hard. How many shirts, pairs of pants, hangers, etc. I did not see any hangers and can only assume they melted.

Again we want to thank everyone for all their help. We could not have survived without it. I only hope we will be

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more settled soon. Jeffrey, Becky, et al have been great, but they need their house back.

Hope all had a great New Year's. So far I have been able to write 2010 and not forget. I do so on temporary checks as all mine are gone with everything else. I never thought of all this. Now on to the New Year and what is happening in the rest of the world.

Next Monday at the Norway Library there is a T'ai Chi and Qigong class to improve your health. The class is $55 per person and is from 10:15 to 11:15. It is sponsored by Stephens Memorial Hospital. The instructor is Betsey Foster. FMI call (866) 609-5183.

That is all for this week. See everyone soon.

From

Andover Education Fund

As we are at the end of the campaign of 2009, again I would like to thank you all for your continued support to the Edfund. Without your time, talent and funding, our humble group would not be where it is today!

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The Andover Educational Fund, Inc. is a 501 c 3 listed charity for your tax purposes. We are nearing the end of our annual appeal, and encourage your participation. Won't you consider a gift? Actually, any time of year for a gift to the Edfund is graciously accepted!

NEW YEAR'S BABY 2010—When Tamara Isham found out she was due in January of 2010, she said to herself, "I'm going to have the New Years baby." Fast forward to January 3, 2010, and there was not yet a New Year's baby at Stephens Memorial Hospital, that is, until Peyton Lyn Isham Brooks arrived. Parents Tamara Isham and Andrew Brooks of Bethel welcomed Peyton with the help of Dr. Gregory Hardy and birthplace nurse Shannon Staples, R.N. Peyton, graced with lots of dark hair, joined the world at 6 lbs, 14 oz. and 21 inches. As part of the celebration, Stephens Memorial Hospital presented baby Peyton and family with a basket of welcome gifts donated by area businesses including: the Advertiser Democrat, Ari's Pizza, Books N Things, Café Nomad, Curves, Flagship Cinemas, Key Bank, Littlefield Greenhouses, LT's Inc., Main Street Furniture, Maurice Restaurant, Mallard Mart, Cut Loose, Norway Savings Bank, Oxford Hannaford, PACE Paramedic Services, Perfect Stitch, Stephens Volunteer Services, Subway, Sun Journal and New Balance. Peyton is shown here with mom Tamara, dad Andrew (right) and Dr. Gregory Hardy, back.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

The 12th annual New Year's Bethel, a chemical-free event, sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society, featured a wide variety of activities for a broad audience.

Festivities began at 5 p.m. with a community potluck supper. At 6 p.m. a dragon parade around the Town Common attracted dozens of youngsters, and a candlelight tour at the Dr. Mason House brought a steady flow of visitors of all ages. The bonfire was lit at 7 p.m. for marshmallow roasting which continued through the evening. The State Street Traditional Jazz Band began performing at 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church, where the Western Mountain Senior Players also performed to enthusiastic audiences. A sing along at 10:30 p.m. at the Dr. Moses Mason House followed, with Lynn Arizzi at the piano. The final event of the evening was a literal ringing in of the New Year at the town clock on Main Street with a variety of hand, sleigh, and ship bells at the stroke of midnight.

Much appreciation is extended to all the volunteers who made this event a success. Special thanks go to Gary Inman for all his efforts on the dragon parade and to Dave Walker for providing the wood for the marshmallow roasting fire. Thanks also go to the Bethel Police for leading the dragon parade with a police car.

Much gratitude is due the sponsors, including Walter and Carolyn Hatch, Bethel and Richard C. Valentine, Bethel at the Patron Level ($200 or more) and those who contributed at the Contributor Level (under $100): Becky Kendall, Bethel; Rachel and Blake MacKay, Bethel; Nancy Mercer, Bethel; Marvin and Tineke Ouwinga, Bethel; Jane B. Young, Bethel; David and Maryjane Shiverick, Bethel; Frank and Jane Vogt, Bethel; Harry and Elaine Dresser, Bethel; Christine Longley, Albany Township; Rosemary Bunn, Bethel; Dick and Lorrie Hoeh, Albany Township; Stan Howe, Bethel; Jean K. Owen, Bethel; Janet E. Stowell, Bethel; Jane Hosterman, West Bethel; Kathy Kunkel, Bethel; David and Theresa Miles, Rumford, R.I.

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For more information: 824-2908/(800) 824-2910 or e-mail us at info@bethelhistorical.org.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society, with over 1,100 members, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency. The society fosters a sense of place — with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region — by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the society makes the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the society opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door at 10 Broad Street) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space, and administrative offices.

From

Oxford County Republicans

The Oxford County Republicans will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Locke Mills Union Church on Route 26 with social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner ($7.50) at 6:30 p.m. David A. Duguay, County Commissioner for District 2, will be the guest speaker.

For more information, contact Loretta Mikols at 875-2229.

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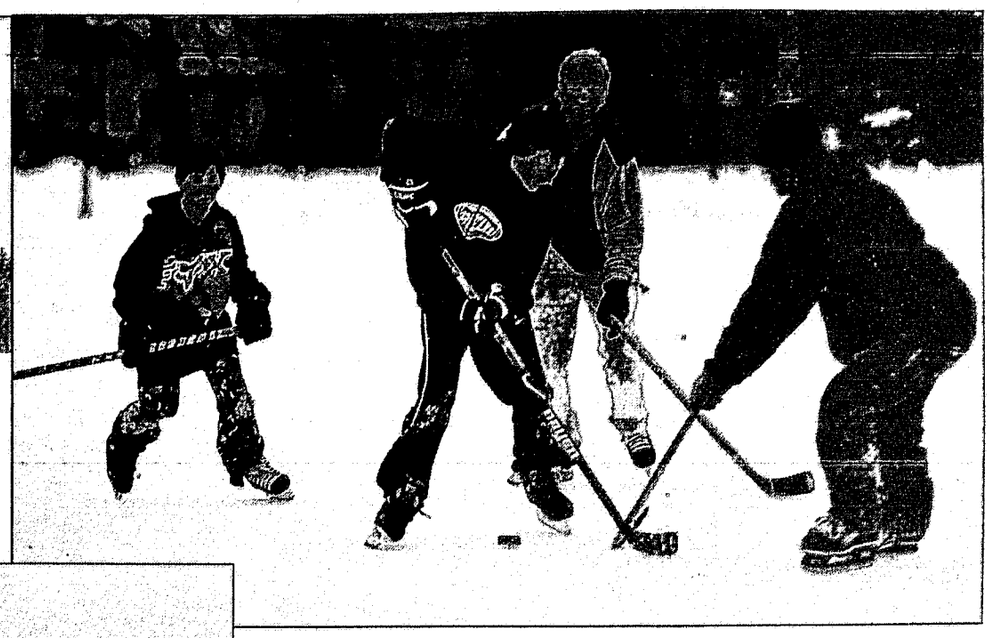

TRYING OUT THE ICE—The new skating rink near the Casablanca in Bethel opened over the holidays and began drawing casual skaters and hockey players alike. Far left, Cindi and Molly Wight of Rutland, Vt. skate arm in arm. Cindi is married to Keith Wight, son of Steve and Peggy of Newry. Above, Travis Townsend of Waterford, Kaleb Currier of Bethel, Scott Harvey of Camden/Bethel and Todd Savage of Greenwood play an intergenerational game of hockey. Left, Savage clears some of the snow that seemed to fall continuously over the weekend. An effort is underway to collect used ice skates to provide on loan at the rink. They may be dropped off at Ellie's Workout Express at the Casablanca.

(Photos: hockey, Carol Savage; others, A. Aloisio)

From

Maine Dept. of Conservation

The year 2009 has been a break-through year for conservation in the state of Maine, according to Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands (BPL) officials.

Fifteen separate conservation projects completed in 2009 provided big boosts to ongoing initiatives. As a result, the BPL, under the Maine Department of Conservation, now has protected more than one million acres in conserved land and conservation easements, a 6-percent growth since 2008, according to officials.

Primary goals of the acquisitions include preserving working forests, opening recreational opportunities and maintaining significant wildlife habitats.

"We have had a remarkable year in expanding conserved lands for Maine people. Much of the credit goes to Gov. Baldacci and former MDOC Commissioner Patrick McGowan," Eliza Townsend, MDOC acting commissioner, said. "The majority of the conserved acreage in 2009 came with no public funding but instead was donations or partnerships with the private sector. Increasingly we are acquiring conservation easements that protect unique lands while facilitating economic growth and maintaining the property tax base."

"Conserving Maine land for Maine people is BPL's primary mission. We work to maintain Maine's traditional outdoor values to support Maine's economy, recreation and environment," Will Harris, BPL director, said. "While we have made significant gains, we still have a ways to go to protect the best of Maine."

"Our projects this year included protection of more than a hundred miles backcountry paddling along the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, protection of small mountains for hiking just outside both Bangor and Augusta, rail trails for snowmobiling and ATVs, and much more." Alan Stearns, BPL deputy director said.

In 2003, Gov. John E. Baldacci announced his intention to increase conservation efforts in his Maine Forest Legacy speech. Through the efforts of the BPL, Commissioner McGowan, and various conservation organizations, the percentage of conserved land throughout the state has since increased from about 6 percent to almost 18 percent. Most of the conservation efforts were accomplished through joint partnerships among federal and state agencies, private corporations and state and local land trusts.

BPL now owns 84,652 acres in park lands; 590,667 acres in public reserved and non-reserved lands; and 348,457 acres in conservation easements, Stearns said. The total in ownership and conservation easements now is 1.023 million acres, he said.

In the past year, BPL added 59,299 acres in ownership and under conservation easements, the BPL deputy director said.

A total of 61 percent of the newly acquired acreage — 36,355 acres — was acquired with no public funding, Stearns said.

These acquisitions were the result of hydropower settlements (1,334 acres); development rezoning packages (28,280 acres); or charitable donations of land (6,741 acres).

Funding for the remaining portion acreage acquired for appraised value came from private, state and federal sources including the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program ($5 million); the Land for Maine's Future fund ($3.8 million); hydro- and wind-power cash contributions ($910,000); and private charitable funds through The Nature Conservancy and other groups.

Many conservation projects take two to three years to complete, while others take longer. The Amherst Mountains acquisition along Route 9 in Amherst required six years of work by the Forest Society of Maine, Stearns said.

"Nearly every project we complete depends upon a local or statewide land trust leading the way," the deputy director added. "The state may own the land or hold the conservation easement, but in every case the credit for pulling the project together goes to a group like The Nature Conservancy or the Trust for Public Land or a local land trust."

One acquisition involved "a very generous donation" of 11 acres of land adjacent to BPL land at Dodge Point in Newcastle. The land provides additional protection to Dodge Point and the Riverlink trail system managed by the Damariscotta River Association land trust, which facilitated the donation, Stearns said.

The deputy director's favorite conservation project, he said, was the addition of nearly 600 acres to the Kennebec Highlands, including McGaffey Mountain, the highest point in Kennebec County. The land provides "an incredible natural and outdoor recreation area" only 30 minutes from Augusta and includes wetlands, streams land forests protecting several watersheds, he said.

The primary use of the land is public recreation, with great hunting, hiking trails, snowmobile trails, and remote ponds for fishing, Stearns said. The acquisition was done in conjunction with the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, he said.

Another favorite project is the conservation of 100 miles — about 980 acres — of shoreline protection along Chesuncook, Caucomgomoc and Ragged lakes through an easement, Stearns continued. The land, deep in the heart of the North Woods, protects part of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail.

"This project is near and dear to my heart because it protects lakes known for backcountry paddling and fishing," Stearns admitted.

Late in December, the BPL, with the help of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, also acquired four miles (206 acres) of river frontage along the Androscoggin River in Gilead near the New Hampshire border, the deputy director said. The property, purchased outright for $147,000, is located near the confluence of the Wild River near the New Hampshire-Maine state line. It also includes short stretches of the Wild River and its islands, he said.

The property some day might have been developed, Stearns said, but instead now provides connectivity between the Androscoggin River and the White Mountain National Forest. The protection of the land will enhance natural-resource tourism in the area, he predicted, adding that "paddling and fishing are becoming an economic force in the Mahoosucs."

"It's all about a big growing market for guided fishing on the river, and we're guaranteeing that sections of the river will be pristine forever," Stearns said.

Looking ahead, Stearns said the conservation trend would include a modest increase in the amount of federal funds available for land and easement acquisition, while "we'll be approaching the end of the few remaining dollars of state funds."

He predicted that 2010 would see "a few gems and a lot of working forest successes" using more federal money and less state funding.

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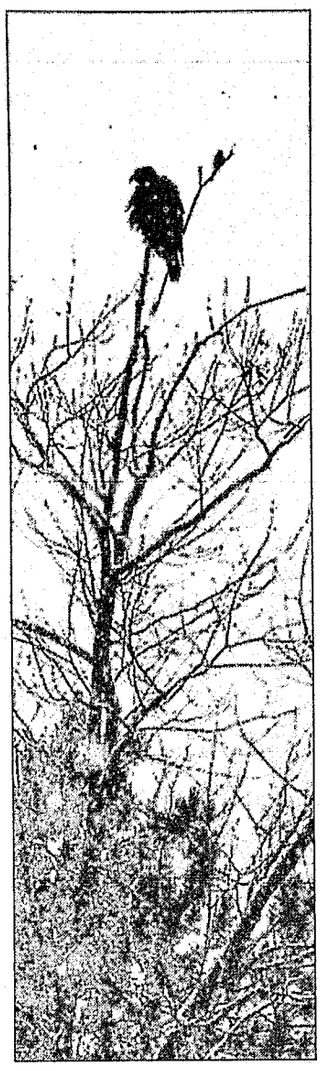
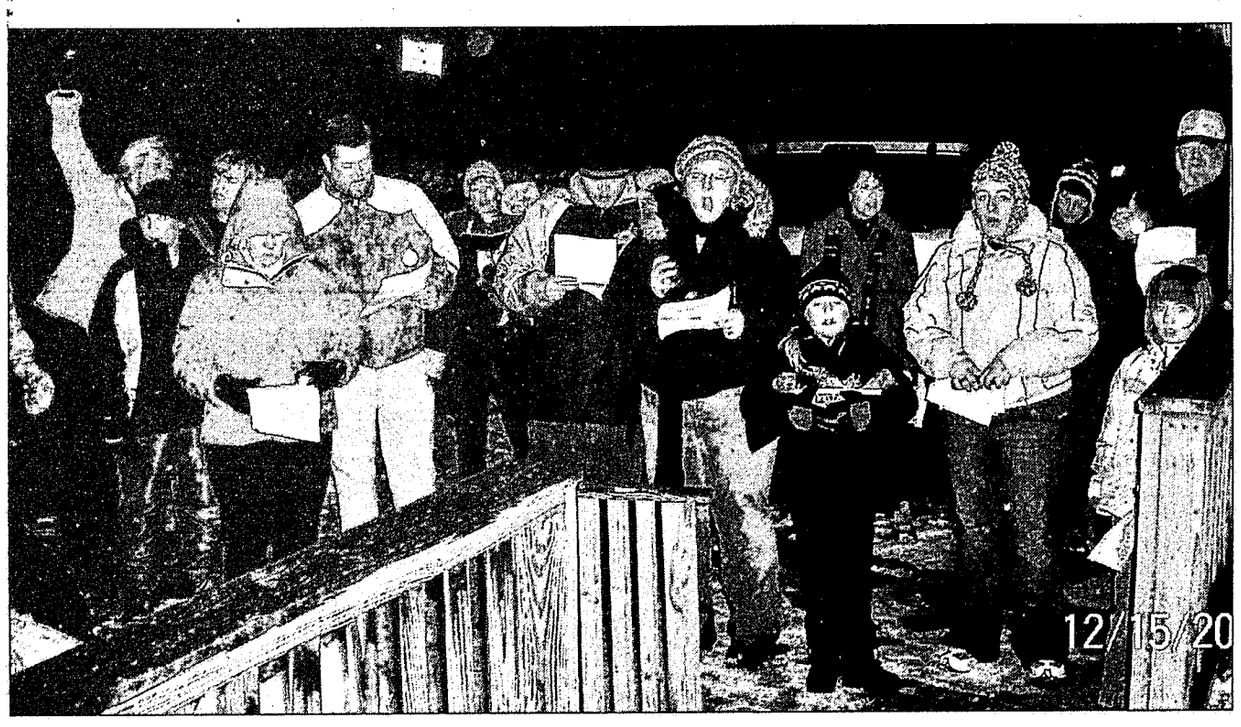


An immature bald eagle shares a tree with a woodpecker near Lin Chapman's home in Gilead on New Year's Day. "There were a lot of birds flying around him and landing in the tree. gray squirrels were running around the back yard. He hardly paid any attention to any of them," said Chapman.

Jonathan and Karen Marshall of Bethel enjoying some outdoor fun on Christmas Day.



Carolers from the Pleasant Valley Church visited homes in Gilead just before Christmas. *(Photo: Lin Chapman)*

DiAnne Ward and Sam I Am from Deepwood Farm provided sleigh rides as part of the holiday activitise at the West Bethel Children's Center.

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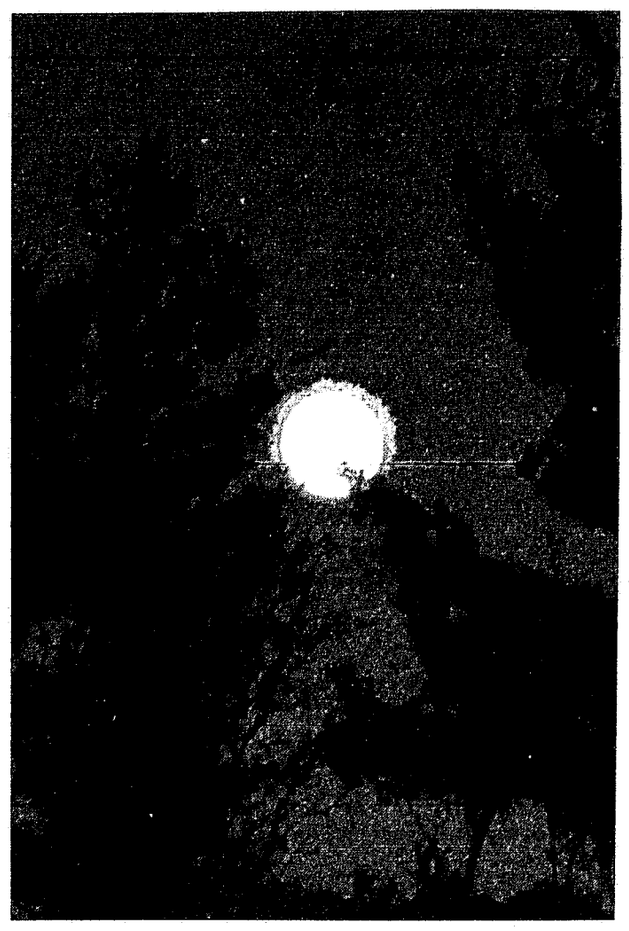
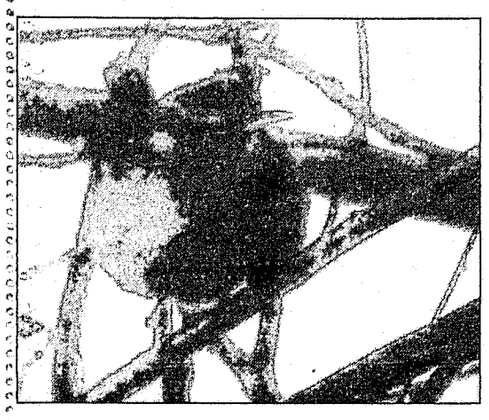
Charles Haines Sr. took this winter wonderland photo in East Bethel.



Kelsey Gray of Newry took this photo of the December blue moon.



Mary Tyler of Gilead took this photo of a Carolina wren.

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9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays – Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. – Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI call 743-0583.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. – T'ai Chi at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. – Cancer Wellness Support Group support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. – Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. – Bethel Snow Twisters, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. – Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thru Jan. 2010 – At Norway Library: Local scenes: paintings and prints by Cynthia Burmeister. FMI: 743-5309 or visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

6 p.m. on 3rd Thursday monthly - Support Group for Parents of disabled children at Crescent Park School. FMI: call Tabaitha Steward at 836-2055.

U.S. Census Bureau testing for spring work ($14.50/hr., 55 cents/mile: 10:30 a.m. Mondays Crescent Park School and 2 p.m. Dixfield Library; Tuesdays 2 p.m. Upton Town Office (appointment only) and 2 p.m. Andover Town Hall; 10 a.m. Wednesday Roxbury Town Hall and 1 p.m. Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium. 6 p.m. in Mexico TBA. FMI: (866)-861-2010 or visit www.2010censucjobs.gov for exact dates.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Tree of Life collection by Harvest Gold artist Lynda Rasco-Rudd Earrings — pendants, rings, charms, bracelets. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Thru Monday, March 1

Bethel Skating Rink (weather permitting, throughout winter) a part of Bethel WinterFest (Jan. 23-31) at Festival Plaza (empty lot across from Casablanca Cinema 4 and near Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce). Washrooms available at Chamber office during business hours.

Thursday, Jan. 7

8:30 a.m. – Andro River Watershed Council annual conference at Bethel Inn Resort's Conference Center. FMI and registration form: visit www.androscogginwatershed.org.

9 to 11 a.m. – Flu Clinic at Andover Town Hall. Seasonal and H1N1 vaccinations available. FMI: call Karen at 392-4031.

Thursday, Jan 7 and Friday, Jan 8

Fusionworks Dance presented by Mahoosuc Arts Council on Thursday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium and on Friday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. at Telstar Regional Middle and High schools and area homeschooled students. Tickets: $10 adults and $6 seniors and children. FMI: call 824-3575 or visit www.mahoosucarts.org.

Friday, Jan. 8

7 p.m. – Heather Masse Band CD Release Show ("Bird Song") at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: $17 adults and $12 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Saturday, Jan. 9

1 p.m. – Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: $25 adults and $17 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Saturday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30

7 to 10 p.m. – Jones Band playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults $5. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, Jan. 10 thru Monday, April 19

6:15 to 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. - Winter into Spring Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days — at Telstar High School sponsored by River Valley Healthy Communities. Walk with a friend or colleague. Pass in record sheets at end of 100 days. FMI, registration materials and more details: call Carol Emery (364-7408) or e-mail rvhcc@gwi.net.

Mondays, Jan. 11, 25

10 a.m. – Essentials of College Planning, free workshops hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center: South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street Monday Jan. 4 and 25 and Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street, Monday, Jan. 11. FMI or to register call (800) 28103703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

2 to 4 p.m. – Oxford County USDA Local Working Group meeting hosted by Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District at Oxford County University of Maine Cooperative Extension building, 9 Olsen Street, South Paris (Route 26 just past Jewell's Tire). Open to public. FMI: call Jane Heikkinen (743-5789 ext 101).

7 p.m. – National Marionette Theater's "Hansel & Gretel," a Black Diamond Family Entertainment feature at Sunday River's Grand Summit Hotel ballroom. Kids 5 and under free. Children ages 6-12 $4 advance, $6 at door and adults $6/$8.

Mondays, Jan. 11 thru Feb. 15

10:15 to 11:15 – T'ai Chi and Qigong to Improve Your Health six-week classes at Norway Memorial Library sponsored by Stephens Memorial Hospital's Maine Health Learning Resource Center. Cost: $55 per person. Instructor: Betsey Foster. Registration preferred. FMI or to register: 1-866-609-5183.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

11 a.m. – Bethel Senior Citizens Club dinner/meeting at Bethel Inn. Peter Mills will be speaker. Dinner $12 members and $14 nonmembers. Reservations required: call either Nancy (824-3350 or Arlene (824-2877) before Jan. 11.

Thursday, Jan. 14

2 p.m. – Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond, will have as guest speaker Wayne Howe, a Bryant Pond resident, who will show slides of rail cars, rail seeders and putt cars. Open to public and light refreshments.

Saturday, Jan. 16

1 p.m. – Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: $25 adults and $17 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

7 p.m. – Rainforest Reptile Show, a hands-on and educational program presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Live animals: alligators, turtles and other species from tropical rainforest of the world. Children 5 and under free, ages 6-12 $4 advance, $6 door and adults $6/$8.

Saturdays, Jan. 16, Feb. 20

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Heartsaver CPR and First Aid classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. 701 Main Street, Oxford. Attend only one for certificate (daycare providers, foster parents, Maine Guides, forestry and non-healthcare related positions). FMI: call Patty at 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Jan. 16, and Tuesday, Feb. 23

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Healthcare Provider Re-certification classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 7701 Main Street, Oxford. FMI: call Patty 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Jan. 21

6 p.m. – Unlocking Autism Support Group meeting at Crescent Park School. FMI: call Tabaitha Steward at 836-2055.

Friday, Jan. 22

7 p.m. – FA Film Series "Duplicity" (PG-13) at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Open to all (under 14 must be accompanied by adult). Tickets: $3 adults and $2 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Saturday, Jan. 23

9 to 11 a.m. – Rabies and Micro-chipping Clinic at Norway Fire Station by Responsible Pet Care. Cost: $10 for vaccination and $25 for micro-chipping. FMI: 743-8678)

January 23-31

Annual Bethel WinterFest. Ice skating, snow sculptures, snow maze, winter rando event, races, horse-drawn sleigh rides, and much more in Bethel area. FMI and schedule: call Chamber at 824-2282.

Thursday, Jan. 28

6 to 9 p.m. – The Maine Street Rail Jam, Lower Main Street, Bethel. Last Chance Qualifier at Mt. Abram on Saturday, Jan. 23. FMI: call Bethel Chamber at 8242282 or visit www.bethelmaine.com/winterfest.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Upton Library: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-Noon.

Items for the Community Calendar

may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, E-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

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Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info.. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 pm. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.. FMI call 824-0550.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry: Interdemoninational worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale every Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at White Cap, on the second floor. For more information, 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singsperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug. ; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athansius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 am., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconnette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

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McWain Pond project cuts erosion by 60 tons in 2009

The McWain Pond Watershed Improvement Project in 2009 reduced soil erosion that was polluting McWain Pond by 60 tons.

Coupled with a 22-ton reduction the previous year, the 2009 figure raises the total amount of soil loss reduced since the project began in April 2008 to 82 tons. That's the equivalent of nearly six dump truck loads worth of eroded soil that was kept out of the pond.

The McWain Pond Watershed Improvement Project is coordinated by the McWain Pond Association (MPA). Partners include Lakes Environmental Association, Town of Waterford, Portland Water District, Birch Rock Camp, Camp Waziyatah, watershed landowners and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP).

In April 2008, MPA received a $42,000 grant of federal money that was passed through the Maine DEP. The project, which is voluntary and does not involve any regulation or enforcement, aims to curb erosion that runs into McWain Pond.

Studies show eroding soil that washes from surrounding land is the chief threat to water quality in Maine lakes and ponds. Phosphorus, a plant nutrient common on land but naturally limited in lakes, attaches to soil particles.

When excess phosphorus enters a lake it upsets the natural balance and serves as "junk food" for algae. The algae blooms in uncontrolled masses and can turn a formerly clear lake into a slimy green mess. Algae blooms ruin fishing, swimming and boating and have been shown to reduce lakeshore property values, which causes a negative ripple effect throughout a town's tax base.

Long-term water testing by Lakes Environmental Association and MPA indicates McWain Pond is vulnerable to an algae bloom. For this reason, the State of Maine included McWain Pond on its list of Priority Watersheds for protection. The watershed is all the land that drains to the pond through tributary streams, ditches, surface runoff and ground water seeps. McWain Pond's watershed covers 3.9 square miles.

In 2006, MPA volunteers, guided by a technical team, surveyed the watershed for erosion "hot spots" and found 95 problem areas. Since the improvement project began, MPA has focused its efforts on fixing the highest priority sites.

For example, Mill Hill Road is a town road on the south side of the pond. For years erosion occurred in the 300 foot-long road ditch and flowed downhill directly into a brook that is a major tributary to McWain Pond. Huge amounts of soil washed into the pond.

MPA partnered with the Town of Waterford to reshape the ditch and line it with geotextile fabric and angular stone.

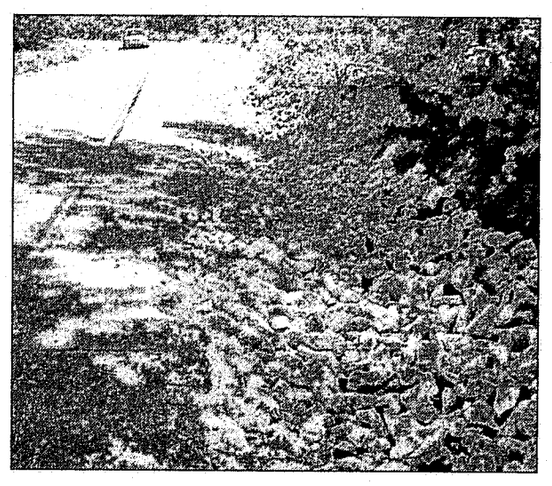
A sediment pool was built at the lower end of the ditch to capture and settle out soil and debris before it enters the brook. The town's road crew did the work. The town contributed $1,815 which was matched by $1,815 in grant funds from the McWain Pond Watershed Improvement Project.

Similar cooperative erosion control cost-sharing work was completed at other town road sites on McWain Hill and Temple Hill roads, the watershed's two summer youth camps, and at other priority sites. Total reduction of erosion in 2009 equals 60 tons of soil that will be kept out of McWain Pond annually.

The spring, summer and fall of 2010 will be the final field season for the McWain Pond Watershed Improvement Project.

The project ends September 30, 2010. Even though major erosion control construction work has been completed, MPA in 2010 plans a public education workshop to demonstrate how to plant a vegetative buffer to control erosion.

Also, MPA will continue assisting watershed landowners to control erosion problems on their properties. Through the grant, MPA provides free technical assistance to landowners and can match landowners' cost of implementation at these small residential sites with "mini grants" up to $300.



BEFORE AND AFTER Erosion in the 300-foot ditch on Mill Hill Road near McWain Pond was a problem (left) before the McWain Pond Assn. and the town of Waterford worked together to improve it (right).

(Photos: Jeff Stern)

Sports

High School Cross-country Skiing

Dec. 31 Nordic Skiing; Rangeley High School Opener - 5 km. Skate

Gould Results:
Molly Siegel 2nd; Alice Hotopp 4th

Dec. 29 Nordic Skiing; Rumford Sprints - Black Mountain - 1.2 km. skate sprint

Gould Girls: Molly Siegel 3rd; Samantha Southam 4th; Alice Hotopp 6th; Margaerite Wiser 7th; Rosemary Wiser 22nd

Gould Boys:
Peter Cowan 1st; Jeb Clarke 3rd

—from Gould Academy sports reports

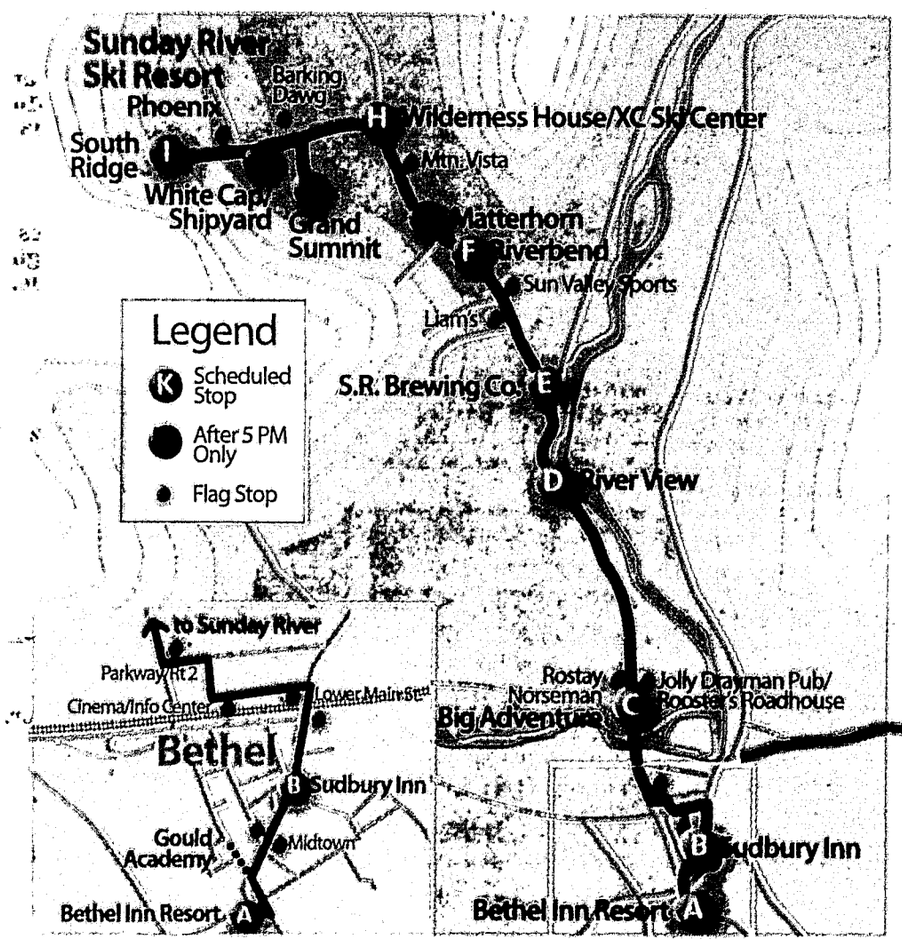
School Lunch
Week of Jan. 7

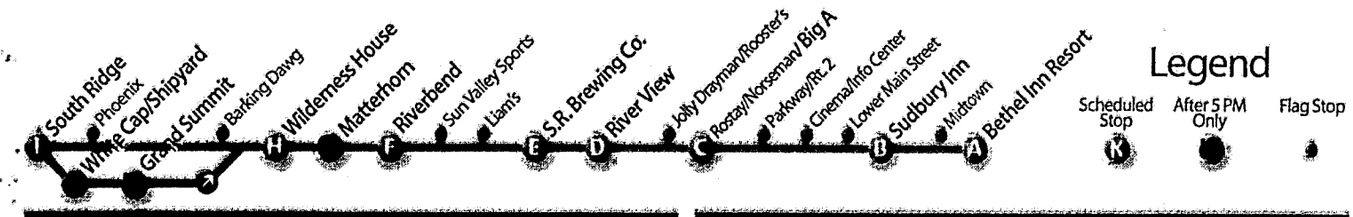
Telstar Lunches

Monday: Brunch for Lunch. Pancakes, breakfast sausage, hash brown ovals, chilled fruit, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich options.
Tuesday: Tomato soup w/Goldfish crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, chilled peaches, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich options.
Wednesday: American chop suey, garlic bread, steamed broccoli, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich options.
Thursday: BBQ pork/bulkie roll, oven fries, apple crisp, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich options.
Friday: Chicken and cheddar fajita, salsa, Mexican rice, whole kernel corn, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich options.
Fruit and vegetable bar available daily. Four servings of fruits and vegetables available.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Brunch for lunch. Pancakes w/syrup, breakfast sausage, or PB&J uncrustables, applesauce, juice, hash brown.
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich or hot dog/roll, or PB&J sandwich, tomato soup, Goldfish crackers, chilled peaches.
Wednesday: American chop suey, or chicken patty/bun, or PB&J sandwich, fresh apple, broccoli, garlic bread.
Thursday: BBQ rib/bun, or cheeseburger/bun, or PB&J sandwich, Quaker Kids snack mix, apple crisp..
Friday: Chicken fajita w/salsa, or ham and cheese sandwich, or PB&Fluff, Mexican Rice, whole kernel corn.
Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).





Bethel to Sunday River

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NEW Bethel to Mt. Abram Resort Saturday Shuttle

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SERVICE NOTES

The Mt. Abram Resort bus operates Saturdays only, December 19 through March 27.

Buses to Sunday River operate weekends only between Thanksgiving and December 19, then daily until April 11.

Shaded times on Sunday River route operate Fridays, Saturdays, and vacation weeks only.

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Buses will stop at Big Adventure when it is open. Call Big Adventure at (207) 824-0929.

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AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

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EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area call 744-4031 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-6pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

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VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 892-4841.

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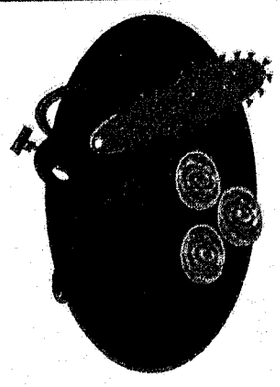

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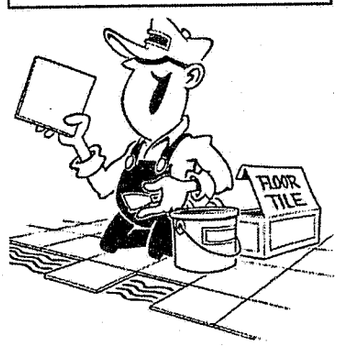

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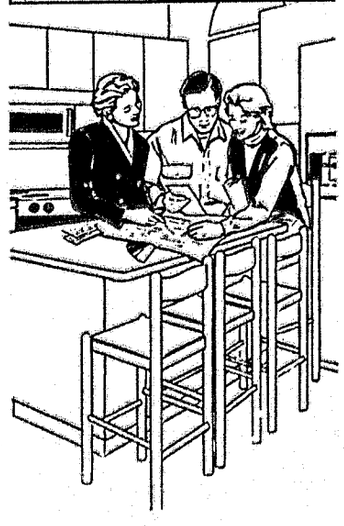

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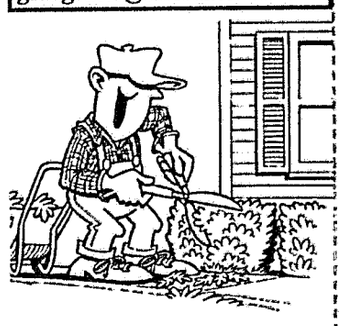

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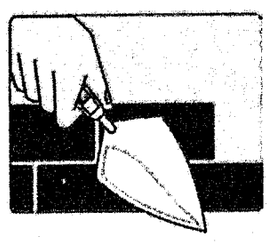

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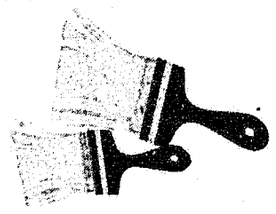

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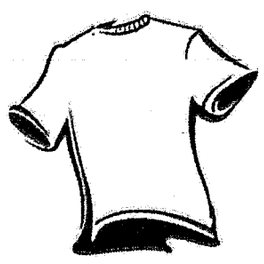

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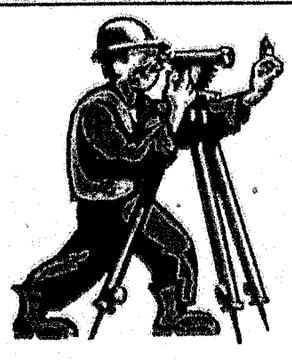

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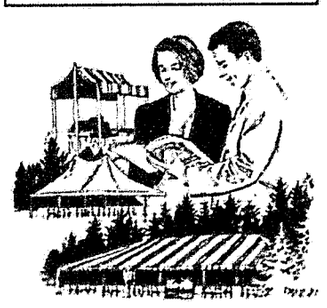

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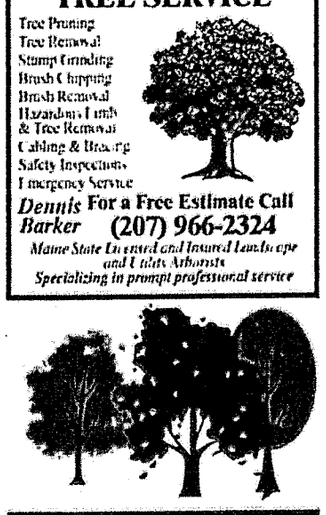

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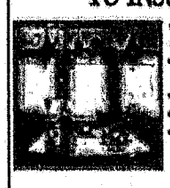

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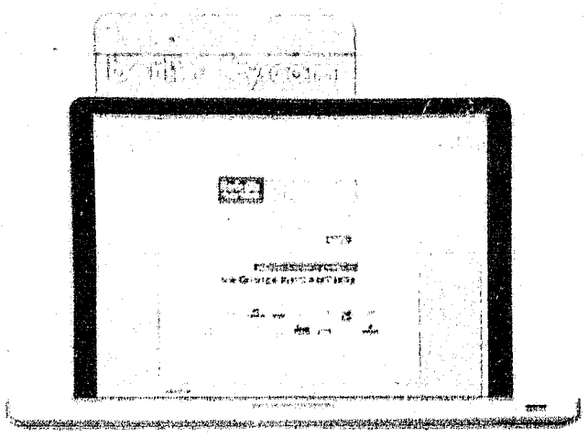

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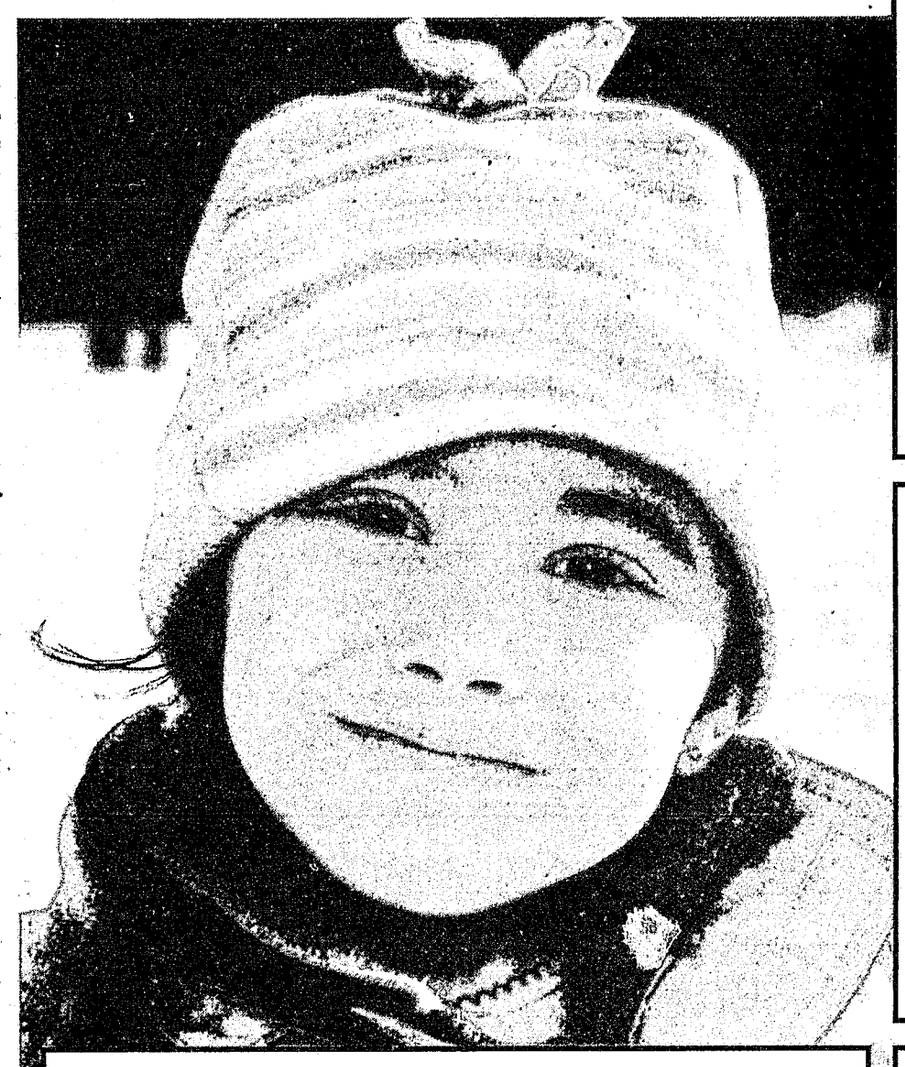

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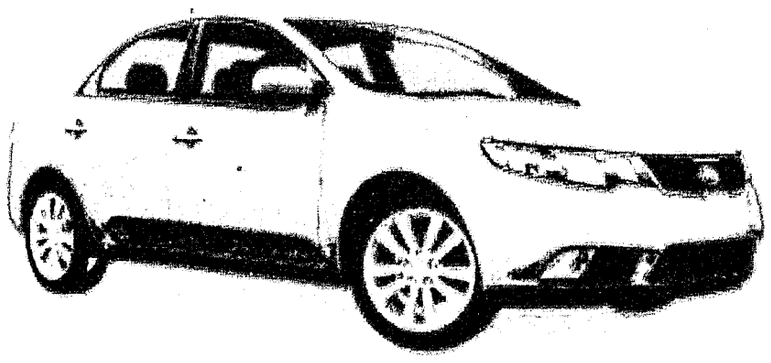

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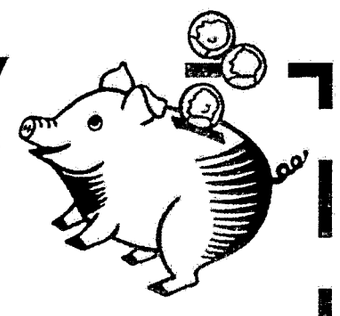

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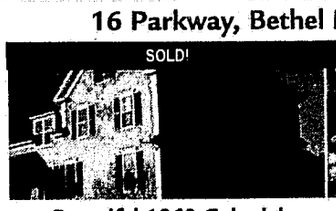
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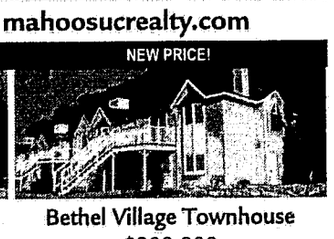
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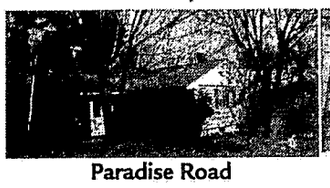

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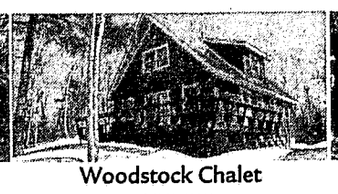

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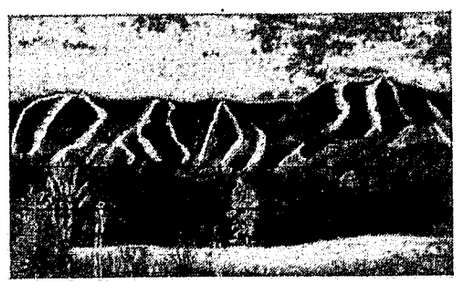

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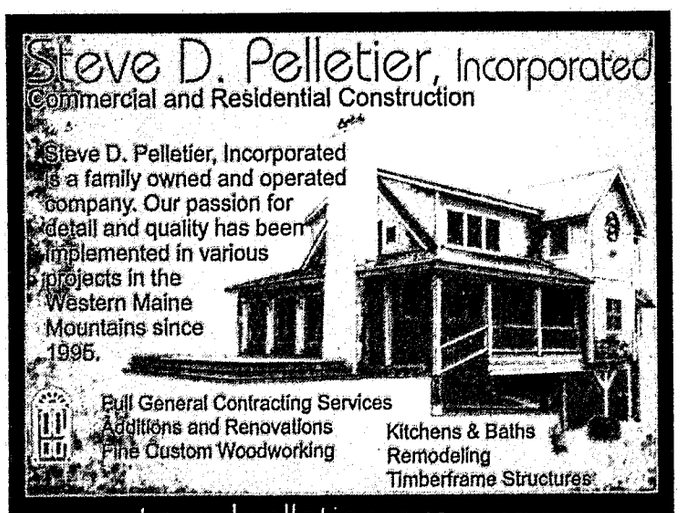

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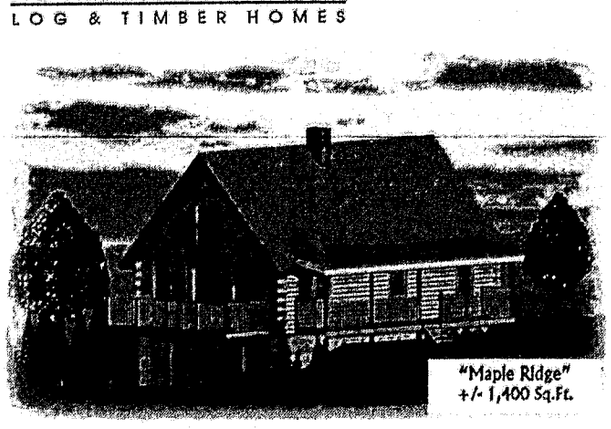
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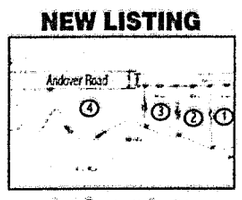

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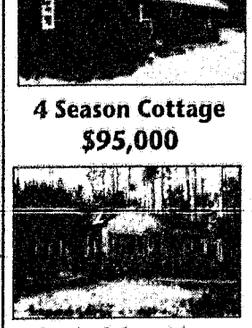

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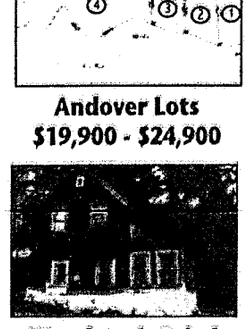

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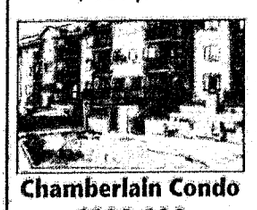

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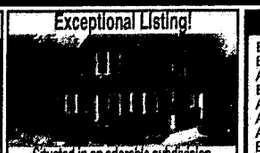

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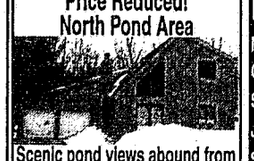
Exceptional home right on the water's edge features a spacious Great Room, 3 BRs, 2 full baths In most private of settings. $335,000

Price Reduced! North Pond Area



Scenic pond views abound from this 3 BR Contemporary Chalet w/Ideal Floor Plan & Scenic Pond Views! $210,000

RECENT SALES!

NorthPeak !! 102 SOLD!
Grand Summit 239 SOLD!
Songo Pond Rd. House SOLD!
Jay, ME. Duplex SOLD!
Stunning Bear Lane Log Home SOLD!
Red Farm House Village Home SOLD!
Rte. 232 Chalet SOLD!

New Listing!

Brand new quality construction, fantastic mt. views & location, location, location.. short walking distance to Mt. Abram Skiway's westside lift! 3 Brs, 2 baths, LR w/ fireplace, hardwood & tile, oversized wraparound deck & full walk-out lower level offers customized expansion possibilities. Only $215,900!

New Listing!

An absolutely breathtaking locale enveloped with lush mt. vistas & glorious foliage on 4.5 acres nicely enhances the beauty of this spacious 2007 modern home with in-law apt. Many extras, many details. $325,000

On Songo Pond!

Situated right on the water's edge, enjoy glorious sunrises from your screened porch, relax by the fireplace and enjoy life! $239,000

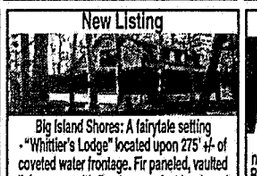
Price Reduced!

Fantastic new foreclosure is being offered at a most competitive price. Lovely homesite in a charming neighborhood. Open, spacious floorplan, huge master suite, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Only $63,000

Price Reduced!

Affordable foreclosure located in town Rangeley within walking distance to intown amenities. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Only $62,500

New Listing



Big Island Shores: A fairytale setting - "Whittier's Lodge" located upon 275' +/- of coveted water frontage. Fir paneled, vaulted living room with fireplace, perfect hardwood floors, 2nd story balcony, glorious wrap-around porch, lakeside gazebo, 1.15+/- flowering acre w/ southwest exposure! $475,000

New Listing

A pristine ski palace situated in a charming neighborhood within walking distance to Road Runner trail & Barker Mt. Base Lodge! Lovingly maintained & renovated, you'll love the special floor plan & adorable lot upon which it sits. 3 family room areas, 3 BR's, 2 1/2 baths, hot tub - welcome to Ski Country - $675,000

SUNDAY RIVER CONDOS

BROOKSIDE BUILDING I		
B-405	2 BR	$174,900
A-303	2 BR	$224,900
BROOKSIDE BUILDING II		
A-213	STUDIO	$69,900
A-207	STUDIO	$80,000
A-212	STUDIO	$84,900
B-306	1 BR	$149,900
CASCADES		
B6	STUDIO	$93,900
FALL LINE		
N-211	1 BR	$117,000
N-106	1 BR	$125,000
N-217	2 BR	SOLD
W-210	1 BR	$139,900
MERRILL BROOK		
II-D	1 BR	SOLD
NORTH PEAK		
II-205	2 BR	$169,900
II-112	2 BR	$179,000
II-102	2 BR	SOLD
I-101	2 BR	$199,900
III-201	2 BR	$204,900
I-302	2 BR	$203,000
SOUTH RIDGE		
E-3	2 BR	$289,900
SUNRISE		
C128	2 BR	SOLD
WHITE CAP		
A-307	1 BR	$134,900

AREA TOWNHOMES

BETHEL INN/FAIRWAY		
540-541	2 BR	$194,900
BETHEL INN/MILLBROOK		
604	3 BR	$379,000
CHAMBERLAIN CONDOMINIUMS		
#33A	2 BR	$184,900
EDEN RIDGE TOWNHOMES		
5B	3 BR	SOLD
RIVERBEND CONDOMINIUMS		
5	2 BR	$169,000
SUNDAY RIVER ESTATES		
Unit #2	3 BR	SOLD
TEMPEST RIDGE TOWNHOMES		
33	4 BR	SOLD
MOUNTAIN VISTA TOWNHOMES		
15	3 BR	$319,000
Unit #1	3 BR	$299,000

QUARTERSHARES

JORDAN GRAND		
128	STUDIO	$9,900
155	STUDIO	$11,000
233	STUDIO	$15,500
235/237	STUDIO + 1 BR	$21,000
332/334	1 BR + LOFT	$25,000
148	1 BR	$25,000
156	1 BR	$27,000
337	2 BR	$29,000
162/164	STUDIO + 1 BR	$29,900
352/354	1 BR + 1 BR	$34,900
327	2 BR	SOLD
GRAND SUMMIT		
129	STUDIO	SOLD
212	STUDIO	$9,750
239	STUDIO	SOLD
325/327	STUDIO + 1 BR	SOLD
117/119	STUDIO + 1 BR	$19,900
307QIV	1 BR	$21,775
265/267	STUDIO + 1 BR	$22,000
289/291	STUDIO + 1 BR	$24,500
120/122	STUDIO + 1 BR	$25,000
336	1 BR	$25,900
483	2 BR	$35,000
330/332	STUDIO + 1 BR	$41,000

Jerry K's Korner on the Market! (An 8-legged perspective on Real Estate & Life)

"The opinions herein expressed are those of Ben & Jerry!"

So Ben, isn't it a great time of year, what with so much snow and unsurpassed winter sports?

Absolutely, Jerry, and our vacation home owners are so fortunate to have reliable town maintenance coupled with the opportunity to contract reputable property management services. This allows one to drive up to pristinely plowed driveways and shoveled out walkways leading to welcoming, warm interiors.

Well put, Ben! Now, how about you and I starting a property management company? I'm pretty sure as small business canine owners we're a shoe-in for minority status federal loan assistance.

Interesting concept, Jerry. but for now let's just enjoy frolicking in our vast *Western Maine Winter Wonderland!*

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Homes

NEW LISTING

Lot 20, Winter Park, Bethel: To be built. Attractive 3-BR/2-bath log sided chalet w/daylight basement for expansion. Wrap-around deck, gas fireplace, open living area. Mountain views & close to Sunday River, White Mountain National Forest, snowmobile & hiking trails. (Photo Representative) **$229,000**

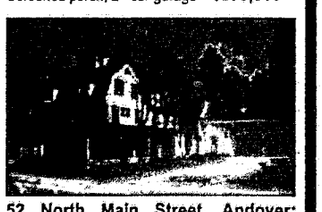
NEW LISTING

95 Will View Road, Bethel: Custom built log-sided mountain chalet 5 minutes from Sunday River. 5 BRs, 2.5 baths, open living area w/wood-burning fieldstone fireplace, hardwood floors and cathedral ceiling. Privately set on 8.53 acres with mountain views and access to snowmobile trails. **$379,000**

16 Forest Drive, Bethel: Custom built & designed home with open living space, large rooms, eat-in kitchen, family room, dining room & spacious living room w/ cathedral ceiling and floor-to-ceiling fieldstone fireplace with custom built-ins. 3 BRs, 2.5 baths. Screened porch, 2+ car garage **$379,900**

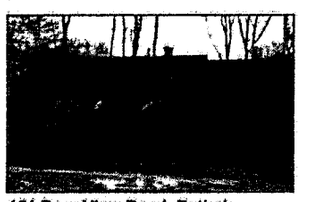
67 Broad St, Bethel: The Bingham House is located in the Historic District of Bethel. This exquisitely designed home offers 3 fireplaces with ornately carved mantels, formal dining room, butler's pantry, built-in bookcases, French doors, hardwood floors & functioning elevator. 6 BRs, 3 full baths and 2 half-baths. **$849,000**

9 Vista Road, Newry: Fabulous building package w/highly regarded local builder. 5-BR/3.5-bath, open floor plan, vaulted ceilings. Great views of Sunday River. Close to hiking, golf, and snowmobile trails. Located in The Peaks Subdivision. (Representative Photo) **$499,000**

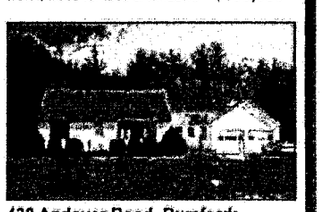


52 North Main Street, Andover: Gracious home with 9 BRs/3 baths on 6+/- acres. Updates include a kitchen with breakfast nook, 3rd floor apartment offers rental potential. Attached 2-car garage/barn with storage. Updated systems include newer furnace/hot water, wood furnace & windows **$159,000**

4 Franklin Road, Newry: Beautiful 3-BR/2.5-bath authentic log home in a location close to Sunday River and on Mtn Explorer route. Cathedral & 9-foot ceilings, granite counters, custom cabinetry, hardwood & tile floors, master suite, laundry rm, central vac, wrap-around deck & hot tub. **$479,000**



151 Deer View Road, Bethel: Cape style home with 3,100+ sq ft of living space, master suite & 2 other BRs - each with private bath. Large family room over the 2-car garage, on a 2-acre corner lot with level backyard & landscaping. Conveniently located in Birch Woods subdivision. **$479,000**



438 Andover Road, Rumford: This nicely maintained 4-BR cape style home is located in a quiet country setting only twenty minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort. The lot is level and open with great views across a lovely pasture. There is a large rear deck, a storage shed & paved driveway **$175,000**

Land

Sunday River Rd: Prime 6.81-acre parcel of land just a mile to the base lodges. Approved subdivision for 7 residential building envelopes. Engineering plans are available. **$234,000.** Other options include purchasing lots of 1.24 acres **($89,000)** and 5.57 acres **($149,000)**

Lot 11, Mahoosuc Glen: The largest available parcel at Mahoosuc Glen, this 1.8-acre lot offers great flexibility for building the perfect vacation home. The owner will also discuss a building package with a discounted rate on the land. **$112,000**

East Bethel Rd, Bethel: Nice level building lot with beautiful meadow and mountain views. Located on a town-maintained, paved road. Soil tested and surveyed. 2.24 acres. **$49,000**

Paradise Ridge Rd, Lot 2, Bethel: This 1.4-acre lot offers a ready-to-go building site. Nice homes in the surrounding neighborhood, beautiful mountain views, southern exposure and walking distance to town. **$64,900**

39 Mason Street, Bethel: This 1.6-acre in-town lot has great potential - for a home or a development project. Town water & sewer. Land has been surveyed. **$179,000**

Slopeside Living–resort condominiums starting at $79,000

Brookside	1- & 2-bedroom condos from $79,000
Locke Mountain	3- & 4-bedroom town homes from $499,000
North Peak	2-bedroom condos starting at $179,500
Cascades	Studios from $87,000
Sunrise	1-bedroom condo for $134,900
South Ridge	2- & 3-bedroom town homes from $349,000
White Cap	1-bedroom condo for $124,900

Tempest Ridge Only 2 remaining town homes from $580,000

Obituaries

ROBERT D. PARKER

Robert Davis Parker, 59, died suddenly in Providence, R.I., on Dec. 31, 2009.

He was born in Rumford on Jan. 14, 1950.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Hollis of Norway; his six sisters, Cynthia Dimatteo and Nancy Fauser both of Locke Mills, Constance Gate of Dresden, Joanne Giannetti of Sudbury, Mass., Rhonda Lichtenstein of Portland and Victoria Parker of Minot; one brother, Mitchell Parker of Milford, Conn.; several aunts, an uncle, nieces and nephews; his best friend, Patty Ford of Providence, R.I.; and his two loving cats, Buddy Guy and Shade. He was predeceased by his father, Guy Parker, Jr.; his stepfather, Wilmon Hollis; a brother, Kim Parker; and both sets of grandparents.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.westonchandler.com.

RONALD G. EASTER

Ronald G. Easter, 87, of River Road, Mexico, died on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 at Rumford Hospital following a brief illness, with his loving family at his side.

He was born in Dixfield on May 5, 1922, a son of Isaac and Marion (Noyes) Easter. Ronald was educated in Canton and Rumford schools and graduated from Stephens High School, Class of 1941.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He married Bernice Sessions on June 7, 1952, and together they celebrated 51 years of marriage and raised three children.

He was employed for 39 years with the Oxford Paper Co. Following retirement, he started his own maple syrup business and won many blue ribbons at county fairs. He was a member of the Mexico Congregational Church as well as a member of the American Legion, the Rumford Grange 115, the Pomona Grange, the Maine State Grange and the National Grange. He was affiliated with the Boy Scouts for many years and served in many capacities and was especially proud of his work with the special needs scouts. He was also a member of the Chisholm Ski Club, the Rumford and Mexico Historical Societies, The GRAMPA Food Pantry and Stephens High School alumni association.

Ronald received numerous awards including the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of America, and the 70-Year Pin from the Maine State Grange.

Surviving are his children, two sons, Ernest G. Easter and wife Nancy E. Hudak of New Sweden and Randy L. Easter and wife Jenny of North Jay; his daughter, Marilla A. Couch and husband Kennith; a sister, Methyl Park of Auburn; a brother, Wendell Easter of Rumford Point; two sisters-in-law, Constance Easter of Rumford Point and Vivian Easter of North Carolina; nine grandchildren, Kathryn Quin-Easter and partner Erica; Gregory Easter and wife Maria; Justin Easter; Hillary Easter; Katrina Couch and companion; Elizabeth, Mara Smith and companion; Jonathan MacLeod; Karolyne Couch; Marcus Couch and wife Bo and Kymberly Couch; four great-grandchildren, Arianna, Jolena and Shelby Easter and Marq MacLeod; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Bernice Easter; two sisters, Althea Tucker and Priscilla Jasud; and two brothers, Wilfred Easter and Gerald Easter.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the Mexico Congregational Church, Mexico. Spring interment will be in Abbotts Mills Cemetery in Rumford. If so desired, contributions in his memory may be made to the Rumford Grange 115, c/o Wendell Easter, 129 Ellis River Road, Rumford, ME 04276.

Births

Meaghan Cummings of Bryant Pond is pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Emma Rae Cummings, born on Dec. 28, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Julie and Michael Cummings of Bryant Pond.

This little one joins a brother, Noah Smith, age 3.

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Joel and Kathleen Doyon of Waltham, Mass., are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Gabriella Louise Doyon, born on Nov. 29, 2009, tipping the scales at 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ron and Gayle White of Strong, Maine.

Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Betsy Doyon of Bethel, Maine.

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Tamara Isham and Andrew Brooks, Bethel, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Peyton Lyn Isham-Brooks, born on Jan. 3, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandmothers are Susan Isham and Leann Patten of Bethel.

Grandfathers are T.J. Mallory and Mark Brooks.

MDEP's 'In our back yard':

New Year's Quiz

Now that the tree has been mulched, the wrapping paper recycled and the organic free-range holiday goose carcass composted, it's time to not only look forward to a new year of living lightly on the planet, but also take stock of the year that has just passed. Why not start this New Year out by testing your knowledge of eco-tidbits from In Our Back Yard past?

1. You have an old TV or computer monitor gathering dust in your garage. Should you: a) Put it out by the end of your driveway and hope it "disappears"; b) Take it to your town's transfer station or universal waste disposal site: c) Take it to Goodwill store or an office supply store; d) Throw it down the ravine out back. Answer: Either b or c. TVs and computer monitors are full of toxic nasties like lead and cadmium. Maine has a tough electronic waste law that makes it illegal to throw out old TVs and computer monitors with the household trash.

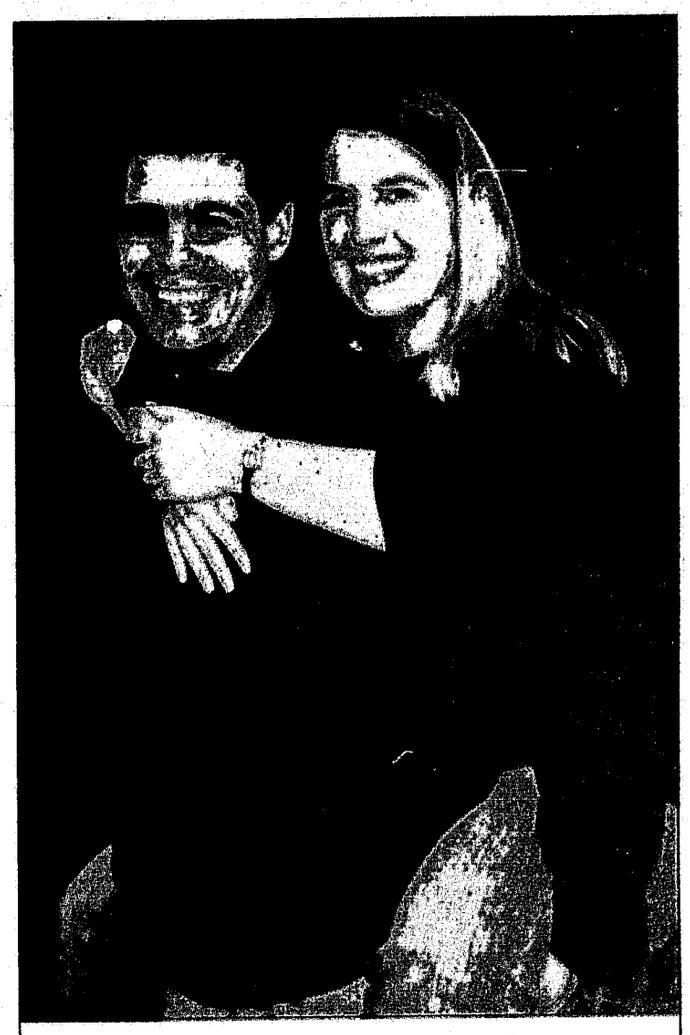
2. The wind whistles over your toes when you sit on your living room couch in the evening. Should you: a) Put on another pair of socks; b) Stuff a draft snake along the crack at the bottom of the door; c) Move to Florida; d) Get a home energy audit from a certified professional. Answer: While all of the above options may be effective, to find the most cost-effective way to draft-proof your house (and save money) is through a home energy audit. Find a listing of certified Maine auditors at www.mainehomeperformance.org.

3. Before you head out to exercise or play, you want to know if the air quality is safe and healthy. Should you: a) Dial-a-psychic; b) Stick your head out the window and sniff; c) Go for a run and hope for the best; d) Sign up for EnviroFlash and get air quality forecasts delivered right to your e-mail or cell phone. Answer: d. EnviroFlash is an automated, zip code based, electronic alert system that warns people when air quality is likely to be poor in their area. Go to www.MaineDEP.com and click on the EnviroFlash logo to sign up.

4. Your refrigerator is the color of moldy guacamole and has been around since the Nixon era, but it's still running strong. To find out how much electricity it uses, should you: a) Call the power company; b) Stay up all night with a stop watch and time how long it runs; c) See if you can find the original owner's manual in the back of your filing cabinet; d) Go to the library and check out a Kill a Watt meter. Answer: d. Last spring, Efficiency Maine equipped Maine's public libraries with Kill A Watt meters. To find out how much electricity your refrigerator — or any other appliance — ses just plug it in to the offending appliance and multiply the read-out by the number of hours a day your appliance runs. It might be time to trade in the big green monster for something more energy-efficient.

How'd you do? If you got three or more answers right, you're right on track. If not, remember to read future In Our Back Yard columns.

Engagements



Lakeman — Hebert

Anthony and Ruthy Hebert of West Paris are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Jayson Michael Hebert to Ann Marie Lakeman, daughter of Willis and Ellen Lakeman of Medway. Jayson is the grandson of Rowena Dunham of Greenwood, Dorothy Connell of South Paris and the late Herbert Dunham, Joseph Hebert Sr. and Walter Connell I. Ann is the granddaughter of the late Willis and Lula Lakeman of East Millinocket, Richard Folsom of Greenville, and Laura Schroeder of Dillingham, Ark.

Jayson is a 1998 graduate of Telstar Regional High School, Bethel, and a 2002 graduate of the University of Southern Maine with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He is employed as a Safety and Health Manager for Barber Foods in Portland.

Ann is a 2001 graduate of Schenck High School in East Millinocket and a 2005 graduate of Husson College with a master's degree in Accounting. She obtained her CPA in 2007. She is employed as an accountant for Baker, Newman & Noyes in Portland.

Jayson and Ann will be married in Greenville on July 10, 2010.

Bethel Recreation Basketball

Starts on Jan. 9th for grades K-5th.

Sign-ups at the Town Office or at Crescent Park School on Jan. 9th. Program runs every Saturday through Feb. 27th.

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2nd & 3rd Grade - 10 to 11 am
4th & 5th Grade - 11am to noon

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The family of
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wishes to thank her caregivers at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center, her neighbors, friends, the Rev. Leslie Foley and the visiting committee of the Second Congregational Church of Norway, the staff of Andrews-Greenleaf Funeral Homes, the reception committee of the Bethel United Methodist Church, and all who helped care for her and then remember, honor, and celebrate Ellie's life. We are deeply grateful for the prayers, calls, cards, letters, flowers, charitable donations, comfort, and support given to us at this time of loss of our loved one.

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A Note of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who helped in any way to make my 100th birthday party such a happy occasion. I never expected to reach the century mile-post in my life, but by the grace of God and a cup of hot water each morning, I made it!

I want to extend very special thanks –

To my children who planned the affair and spent so much time and effort in preparing for it.
To my grandchildren who assisted in the plans and did such a fine job in decorating the Legion Hall.
To Phillip House whose beautiful music was the feature of the afternoon.
To Richard Felt and his musicians for entertaining us with songs of "yesterday."
To my son, Barry for his special tribute to me.
To Sally Smith for the pretty and delectable birthday cake.
To the American Legion for delicious refreshments.

And last, but not least, a very special thanks for all the cards, lovely gifts and beautiful flowers I received. I truly appreciate the thoughtfulness that prompted these nice gifts.

I am certainly blessed with a loving family and so many dear and caring friends.

May God bless all of you – EDNA YORK

Woodstock Residents

Nomination papers are now available at the Woodstock Town Office for any Woodstock Resident interested in running for the office of Selectmen, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor or the office of MSAD #44 School Board Director.

Not less than 25, nor more than 100, signatures of registered Woodstock voters are required to file nomination papers at the Town Clerk's Office. Completed nomination papers are due at the Town Office on February 11, 2010, which is the required 45 days before the annual town meeting.

This procedure was adopted by the voters at the 2009 Woodstock Annual Town Meeting, to become effective with the March 29, 2010 Woodstock Annual Town Meeting.

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